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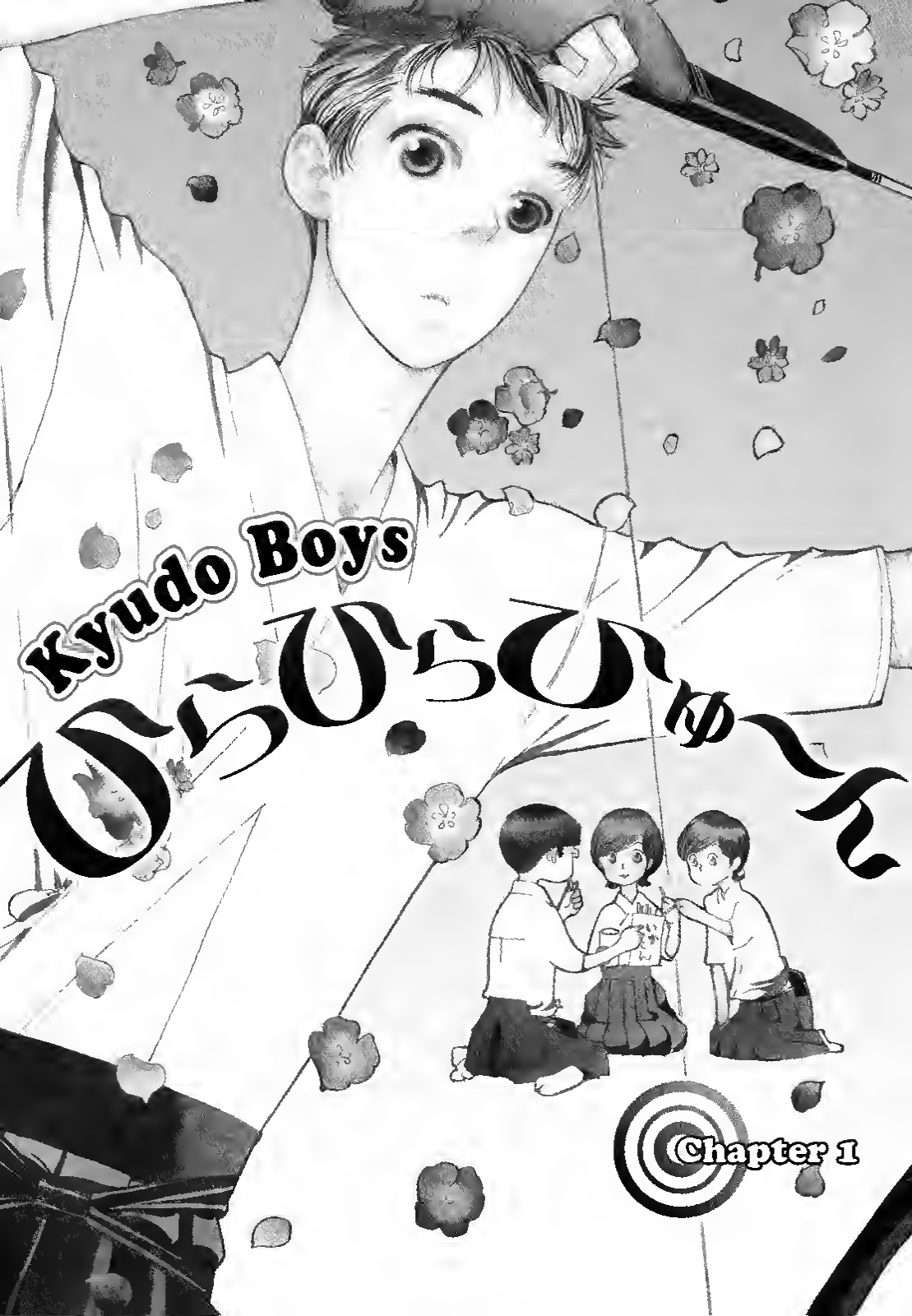

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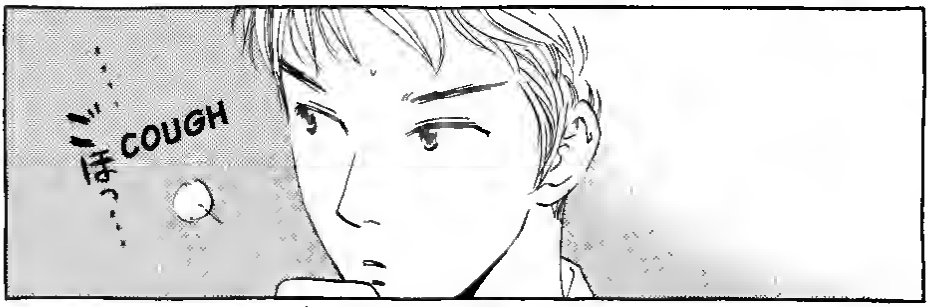
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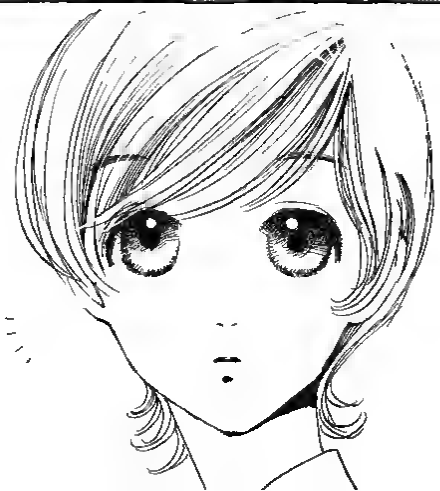
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Chapter 1


I'M KENICHI SASAHARA.
I RECOVERED FROM GERMAN MEASLES AND RETURNED TO THE ARCHERY TEAM TO FIND...
...
She's Nagakari. A sophomore.
She transferred to this school while you were absent.
...
Hey, Tomokazu.
Who's that?

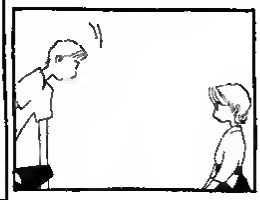

Um...
He's absent because he caught the German measles from you.
Where's the captain?
So that covers everything.
Sakamoto is teaching her the ropes for the girls' team.
Thank you.

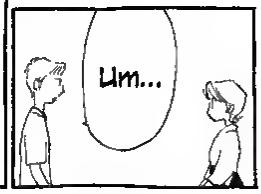

ごほっ COUGH



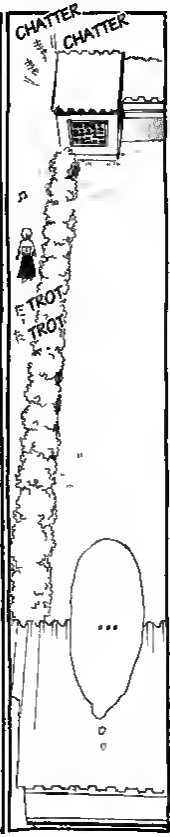

SNORT
?!
Have you gotten German measles before?
Huh?

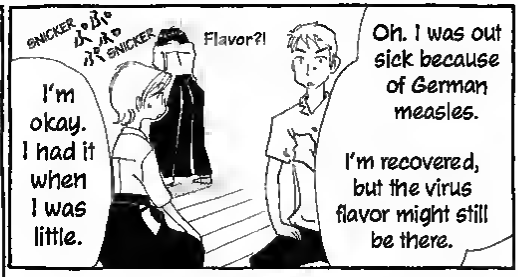

THUMP
THUMP

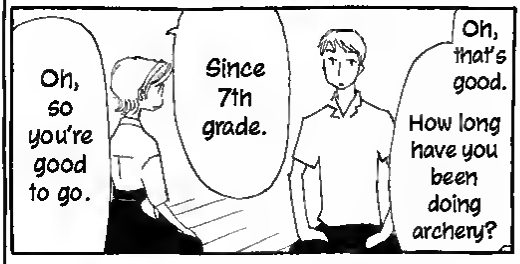



Um...


SNICKER
SNICKER
SNICKER
You said, "Have you gotten German measles?"
SNORT
SNORT
SNORT

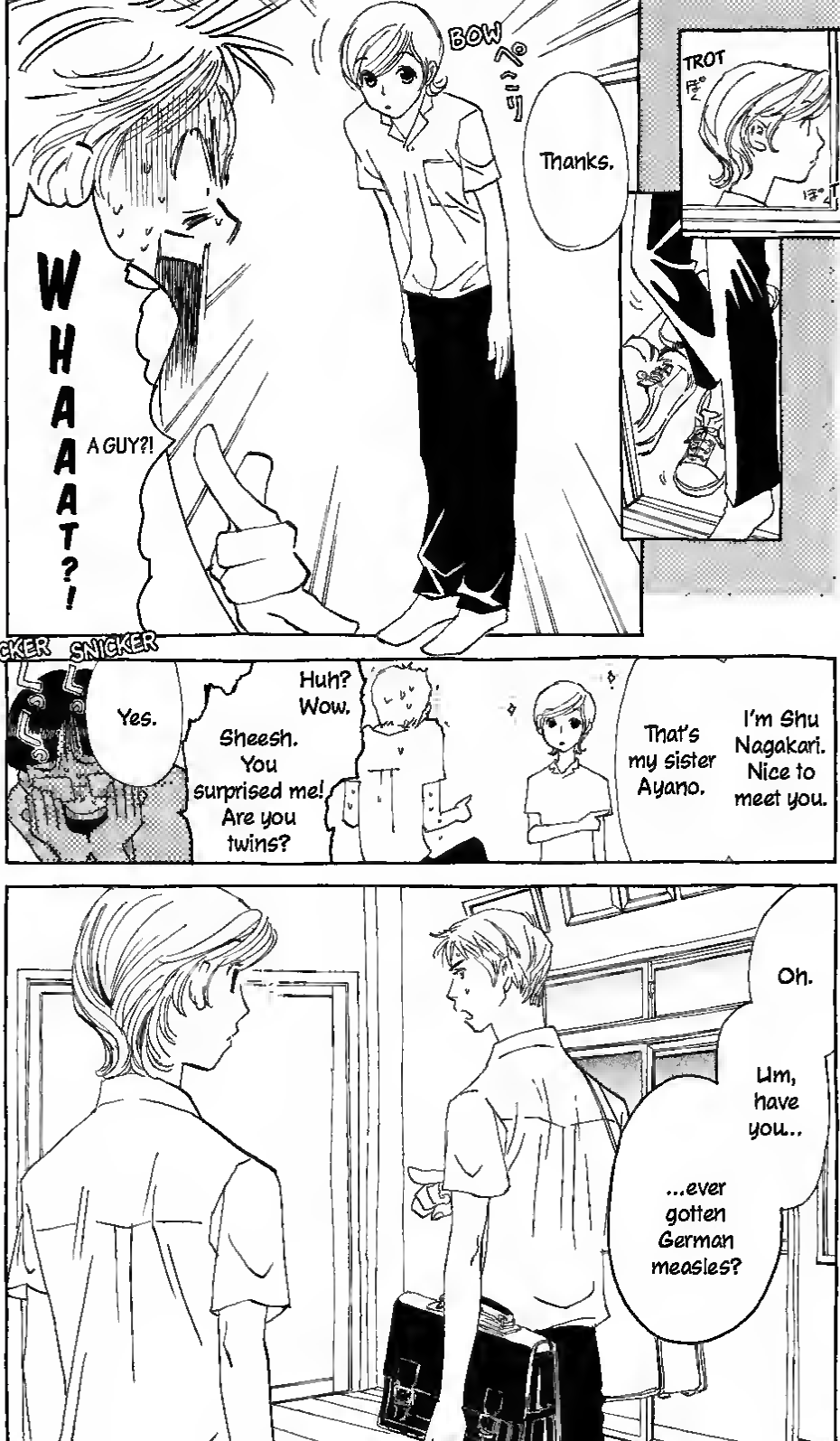

CHATTER
CHATTER
TROT
TROT
...

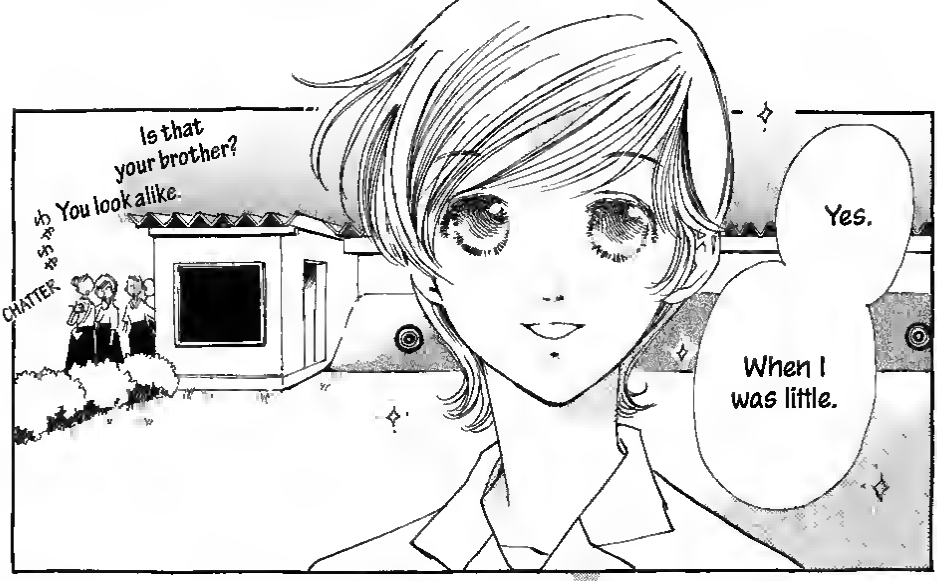

SNICKER
SNICKER
Flavor?!
I'm okay. I had it when I was little.
Oh. I was out sick because of German measles.
I'm recovered, but the virus flavor might still be there.


Oh, so you're good to go.
Since 7th grade.
Oh, that's good.
How long have you been doing archery?


For today, you should do what the junior girls are doing. Oh, they're target judging today.
Nice to meet you. I'm Nagakari.
Oh.
I'm the assistant captain, Sasahara.


Shut up.
ホイ Here.
I got all the summer training camp sign ups.
Thanks. I'll take it to Mr.Okoda.
I'm closing the camp sign ups!
うOK.
...
Nagakari. The targets are that way.


WHAAAT?!
A GUY?!
BOW
Thanks.
TROT
TROT
SNICKER SNICKER
Yes.
Huh? Wow.
Sheesh. You surprised me! Are you twins?
That's my sister Ayano.
I'm Shu Nagakari. Nice to meet you.
Oh.
Um, have you...
...ever gotten German measles?


Is that your brother?
You look alike.
CHATTER
Yes.
When I was little.


Oh.
MUNCH
MUNCH
It's all gone.
Cuz you drank it all.

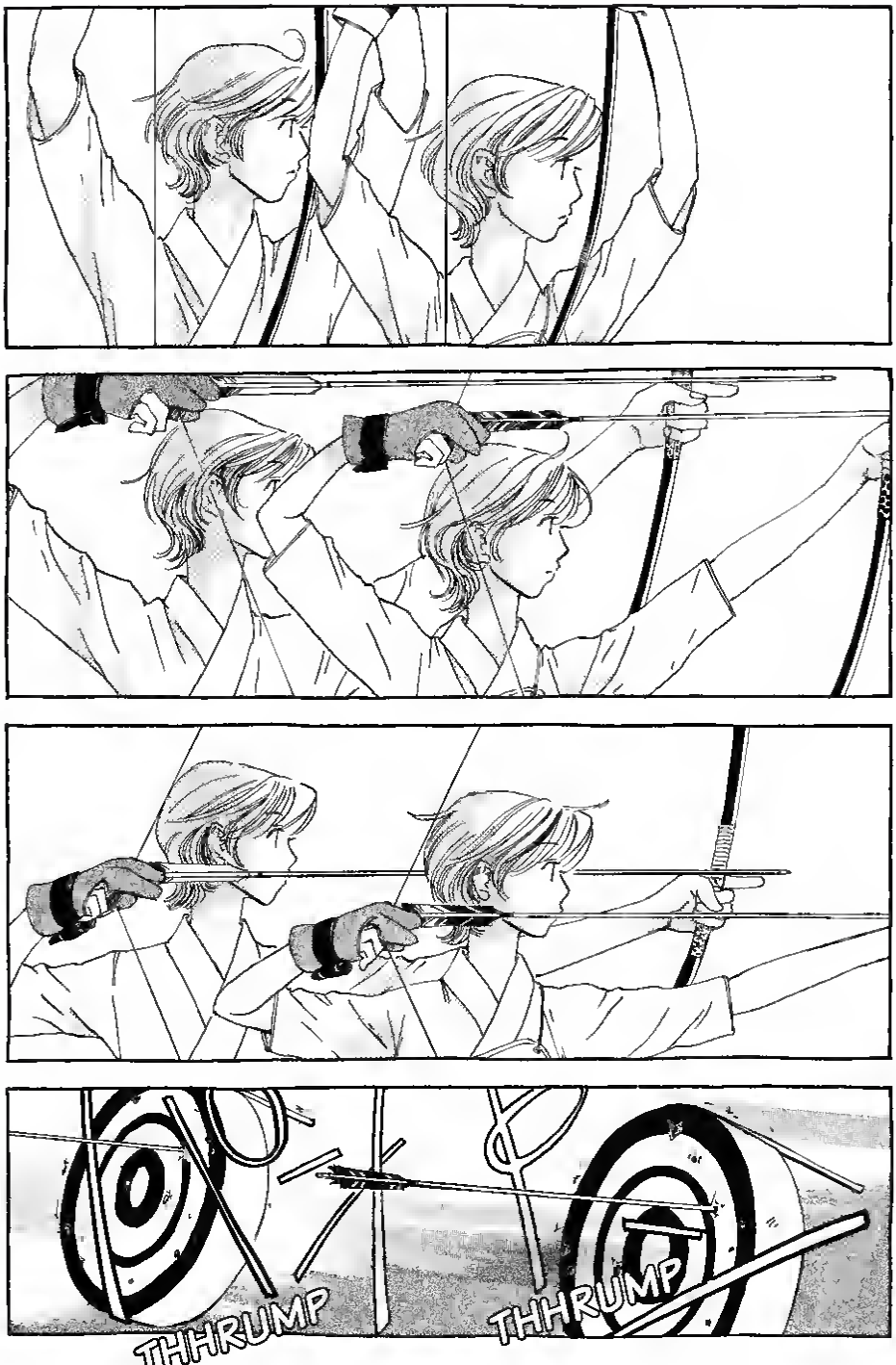

Pray.
CLAP
CHATTER
CLAP
CHATTER
Thank you.

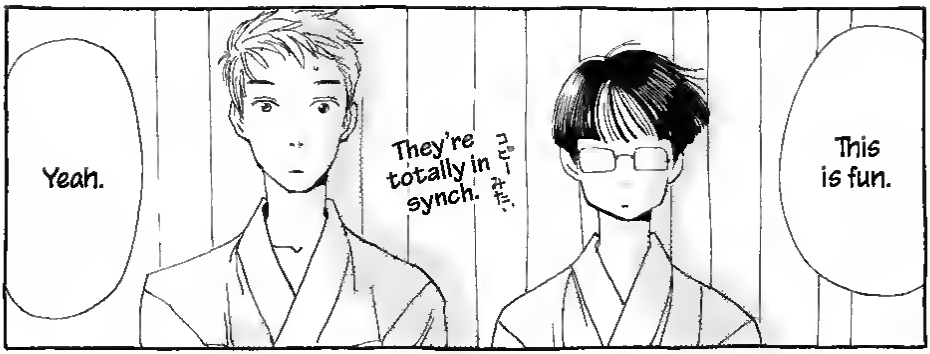

Try it. It's a step into adulthood.
Oh, I love quail eggs. I want to marry them.
No thanks.
Only old men eat that
Man, I was surprised.
You knew, didn't you Tomokazu?
About the twins? I thought it would be funny to see your reaction.
Want some savory snacks?
1 POINT
Ayano.
You've fallen for her.
MUNCH
Stop making things up.
That's your type.
She has a husky voice against her sweet look.
THAT'S RIGHT.
THEY HAD SIMILAR VOICES.
...
I didn't feel...
They had German measles when they were young.
?
MUNCH
Huh?
Or are you holding back?

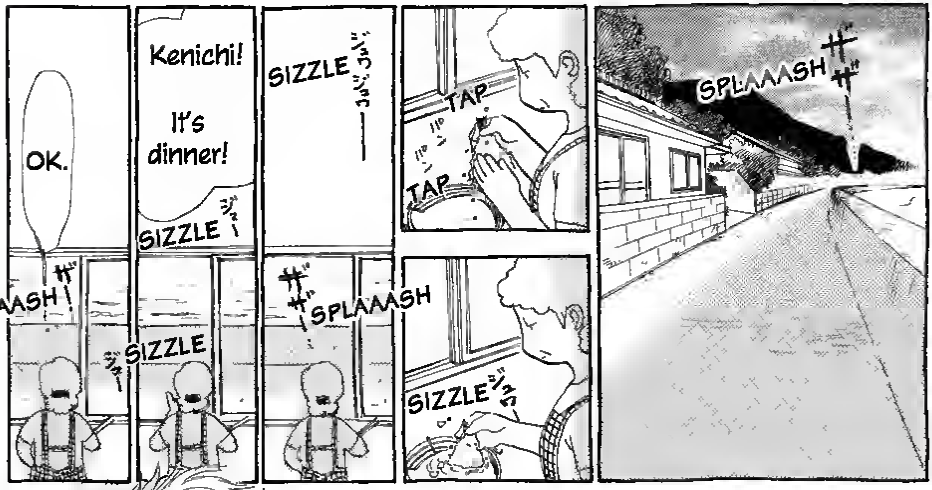

I'm not giving you mine! You can have the snacks, though. Try it. It's good.
...
Cuz you drank it all.
It's empty.
GULP
SIGH
Meanwhile, I got it at this age.
I don't think that's a problem.
CHATTER
きゃっ
CHATTER
BUZZ
わあ
わあ
Oh.
It's Sasahara and Nagao.
Right? Try these too.
MUNCH
It is good.
Savory snacks-man.
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
These aren't mine...
Oh no.
GLANCE
GASP
BIG PILE
Sasahara, you like savory snacks?
Yep. Cuz he's an old man.

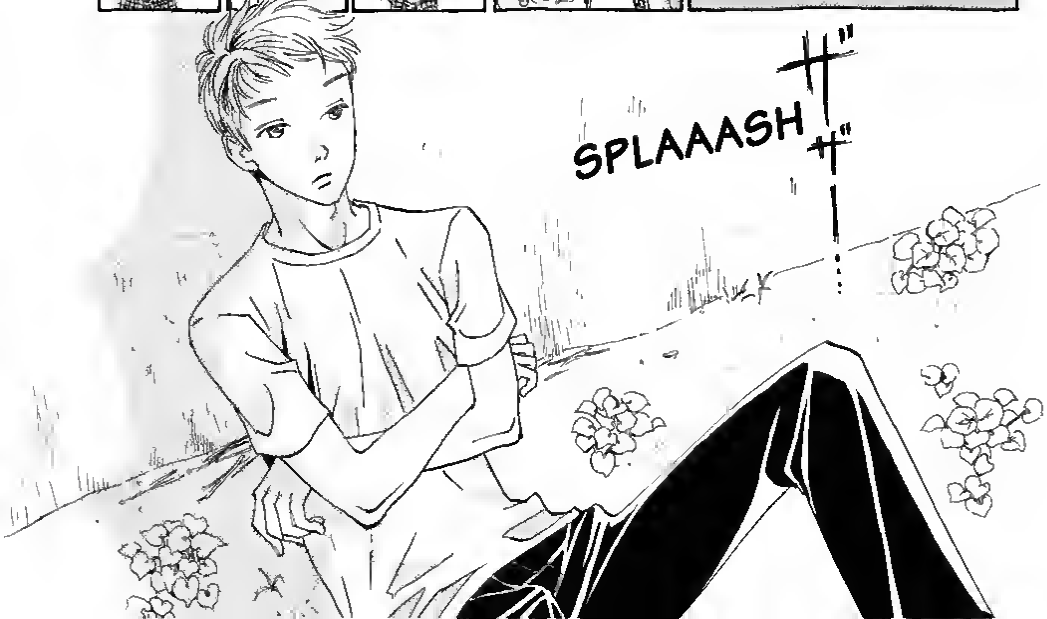

あ Oh, すまん sorry.
Why did you drop them?! Sheesh.
Hm?
ROLL
DROP
Saved!
Ack! You're spilling them!
DROP
DROP
DROP
DROP
つ BOW
What an unusual spectacle...
Hmm.

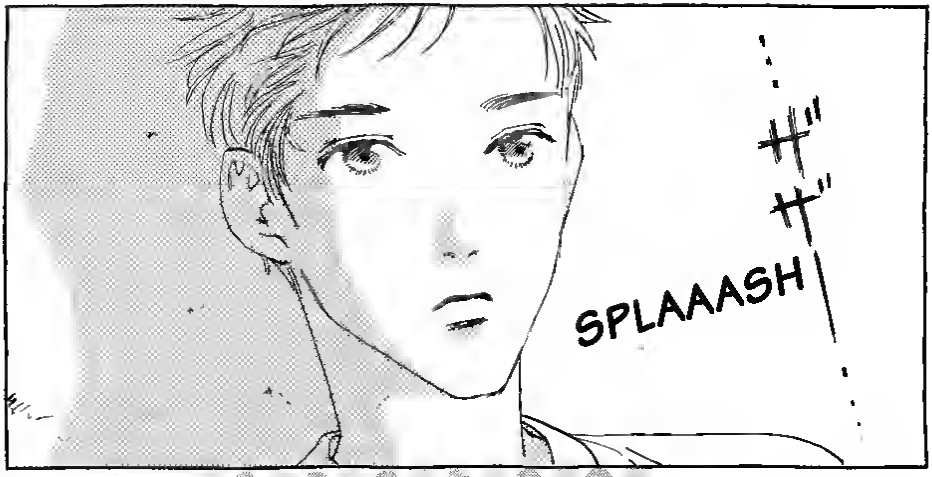

...
THHRUMP


THRUMP
THRUMP

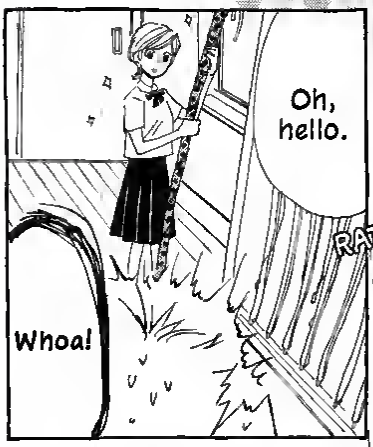

Yeah.
They're totally in synch.
コピーみたい。
This is fun.

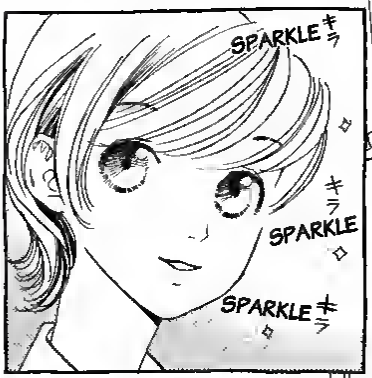

OK.
SPLAAASH
Kenichi! It's dinner!
SIZZLE
SIZZLE
SIZZLE
SPLAAASH
TAP
TAP
SIZZLE
SPLAAASH


SPLAAASH

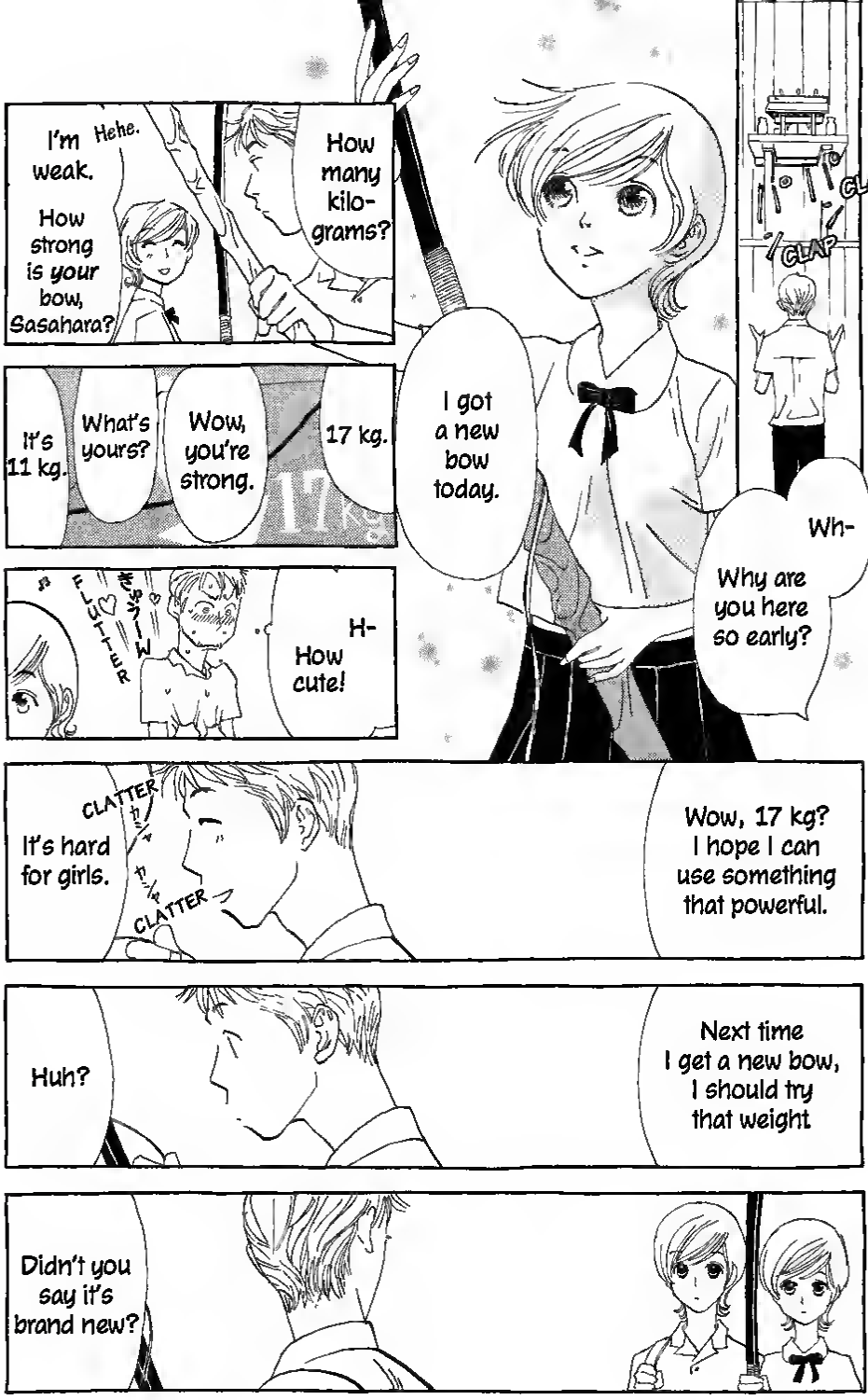

SPLAAASH

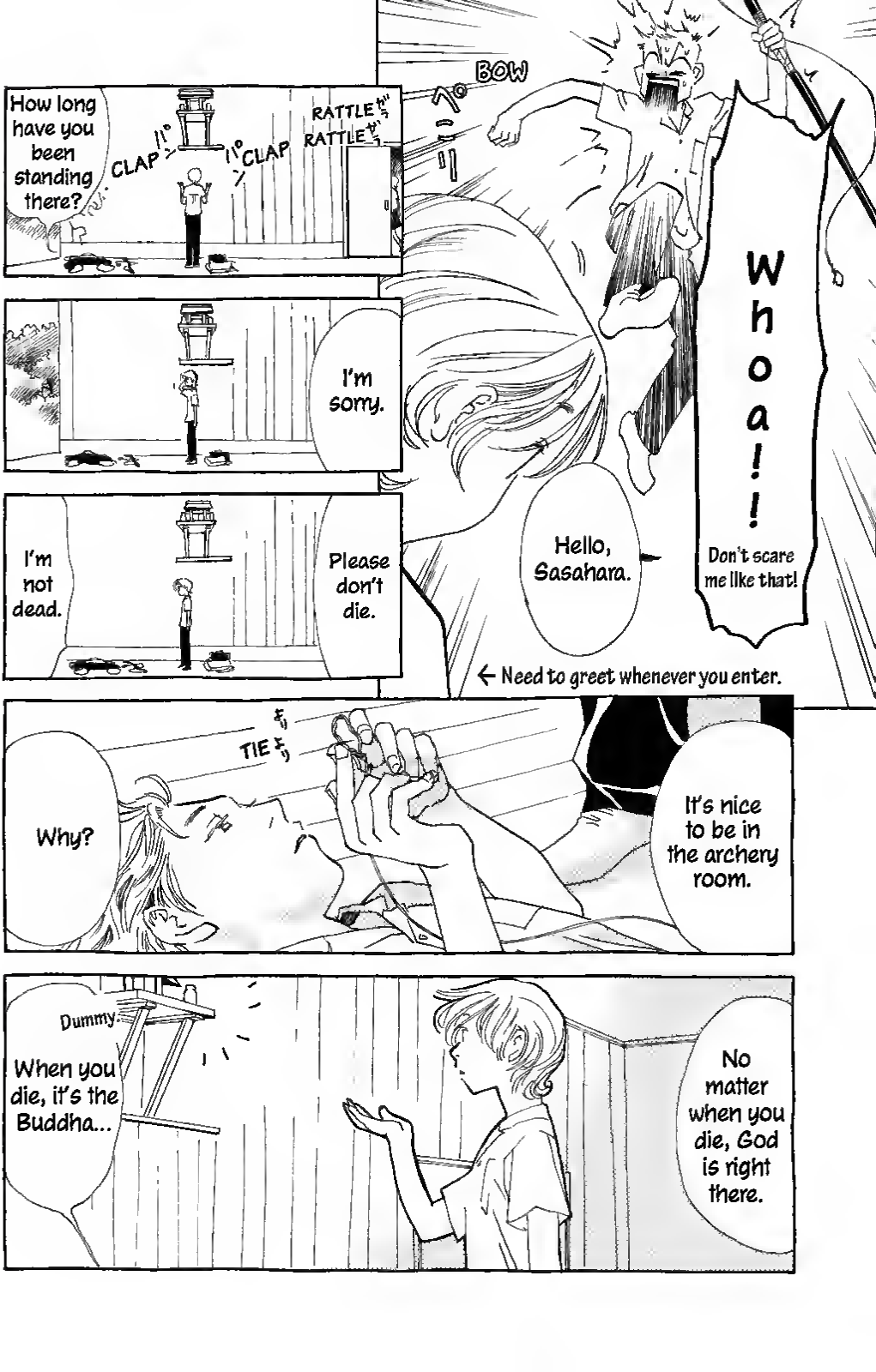
SATURDAY


Oh, hello.
Whoa!


SPARKLE キラ
SPARKLE キラ
SPARKLE キラ


RATTLE カラ
RATTLE カラ
RATTLE カラ


I'm weak.
Hehe.
How strong is your bow, Sasahara?
How many kilo-grams?
It's 11 kg.
What's yours?
Wow, you're strong.
17 kg.
I got a new bow today.
CLAP
CLAP
Wh-
Why are you here so early?
H-
How cute!
SHUTTER
It's hard for girls.
CLATTER
CLATTER
Wow, 17 kg? I hope I can use something that powerful.
Huh?
Next time I get a new bow, I should try that weight
Didn't you say it's brand new?


BOW
Whoa!!
Don't scare me like that!
Hello, Sasahara.
← Need to greet whenever you enter.
How long have you been standing there?
CLAP
CLAP
RATTLE
RATTLE
I'm sorry.
I'm not dead.
Please don't die.
TIE
TIE
Why?
It's nice to be in the archery room.
Dummy.
When you die, it's the Buddha...
No matter when you die, God is right there.


That's right
Was that the case?

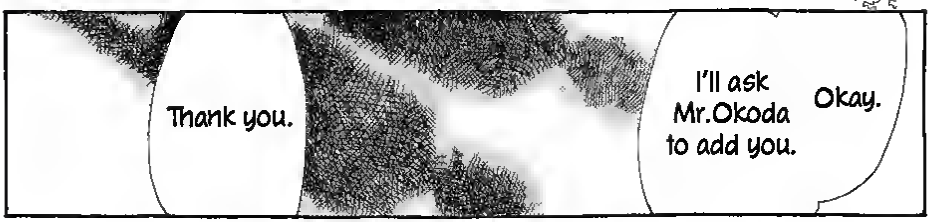

Why don't you confess your love?
Girls like that are snatched up quickly.
SQUISH
SQUISH
Enjoying the taste without biting
What for?
Bleh
Maybe someone already asked her out.
I don't ...
You know what?
You guys always say confess or ask them out, but...


What's the point of "confession" or "to go out"?
What do you mean "guys"? Me and who else?
SQUISH
SQUISH
Don't talk about love while you're eating quail eggs!
I'm the one who has to apologize!?
Wait a sec.
Maybe love?
SQUISH
SQUISH
I guess... You claim her first?
What happens after...
...I confess?
If we go out?


Shut up!
Your squishing annoys me!
Ack!
it tastes better with the sound.
Look at those sophomores. They look like a bubble gum commercial.
From the looks of it, it won't take long before...
...it becomes a "she and someone."
What?
Oh.
Huh?
Good-bye.
Oh, I swallowed it.
GULP
WHIRR

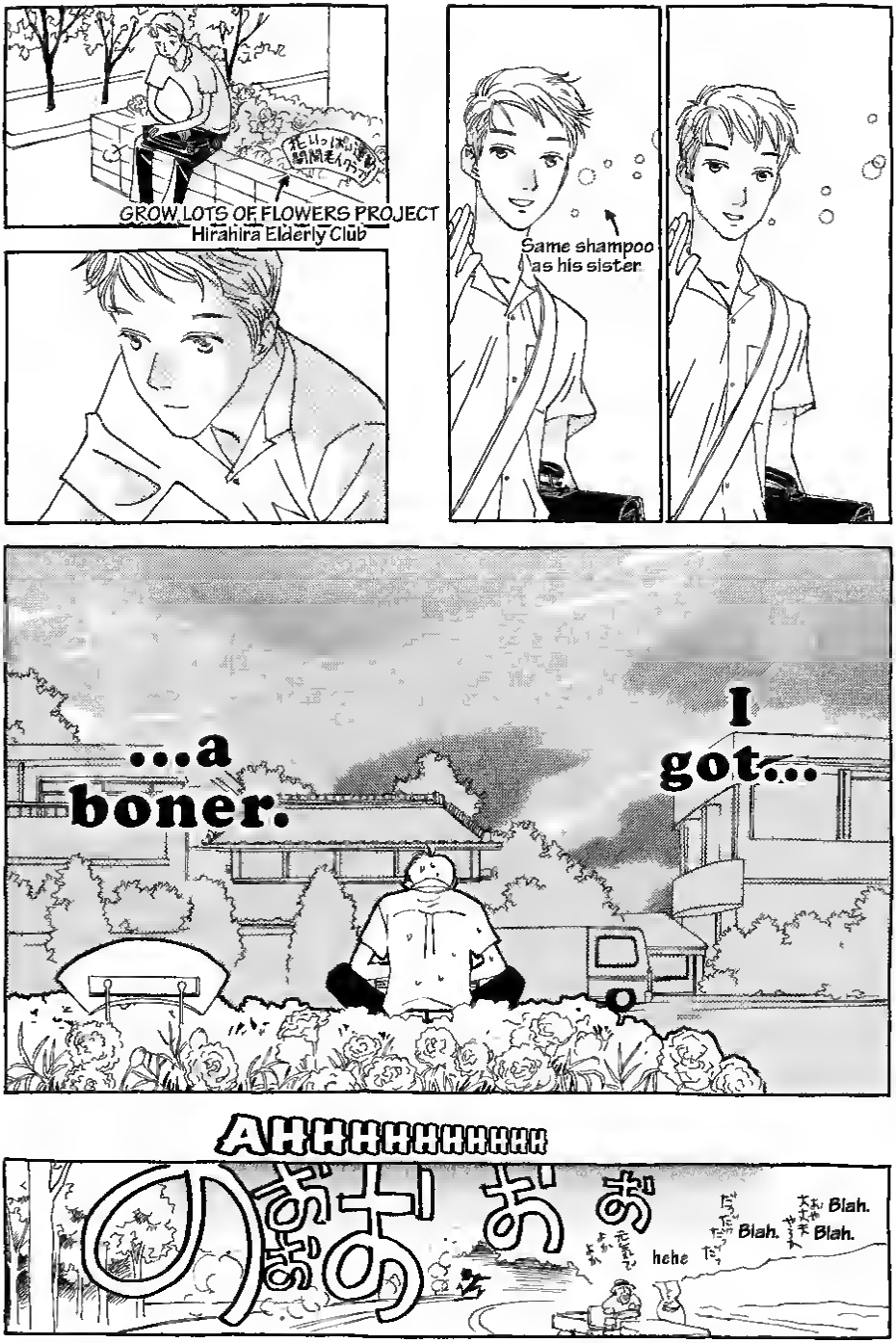

Hello.
Oh.
HUH?
YOU WERE WALKING WITH OTHER GUYS EARLIER.
NO!
OH.
NO, NO!!
FLING
FLING
FLING
What's wrong, Sasahara?
...
Argh.

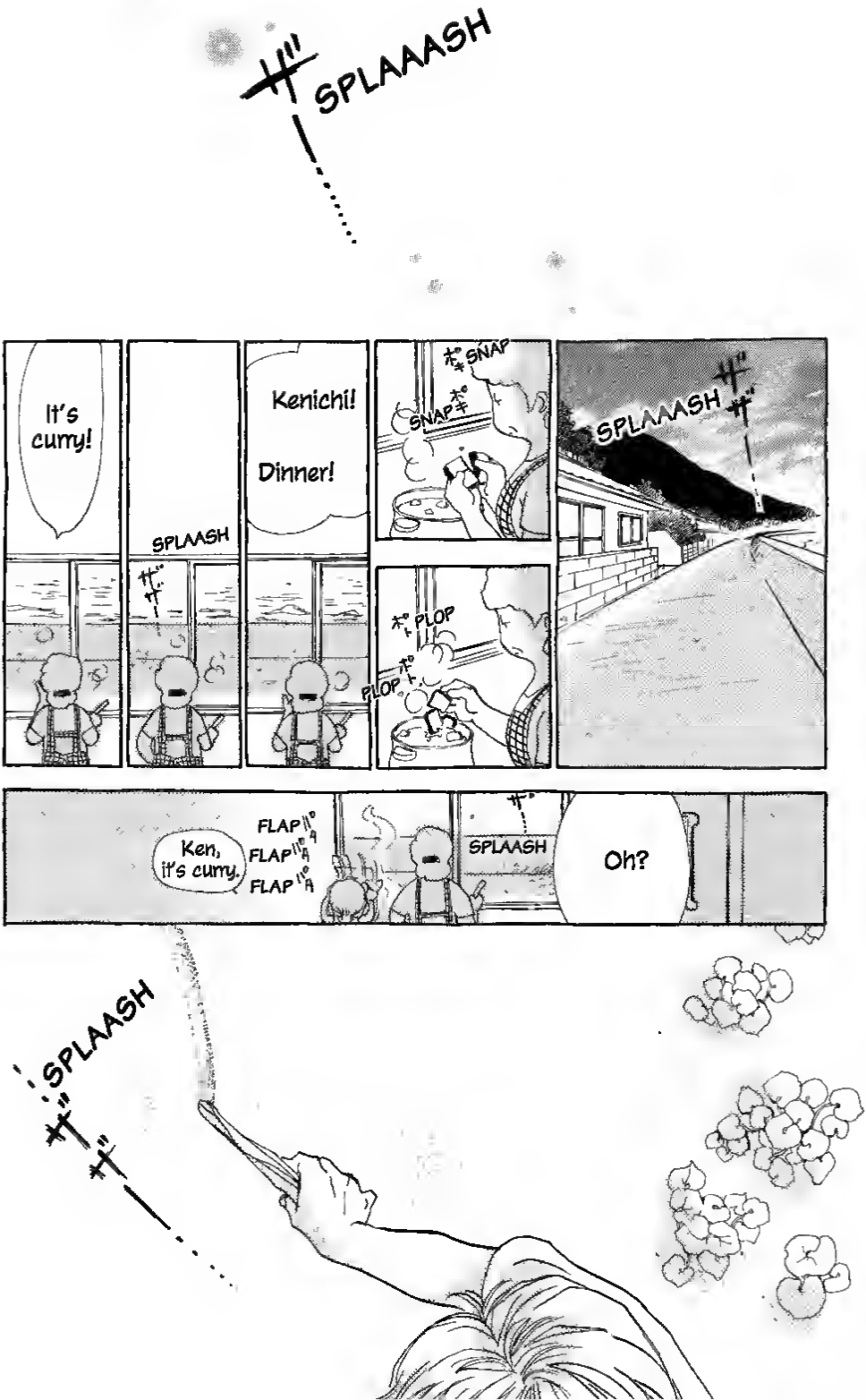

Is the sign up for summer camp closed?
開開駅前
HIRAHIRA STATION
Nope.
I turned it in to our advisor...
But I think there's still some time.
Oh.
Then I'll sign up.
I couldn't sign up at our last school because we were about to move.

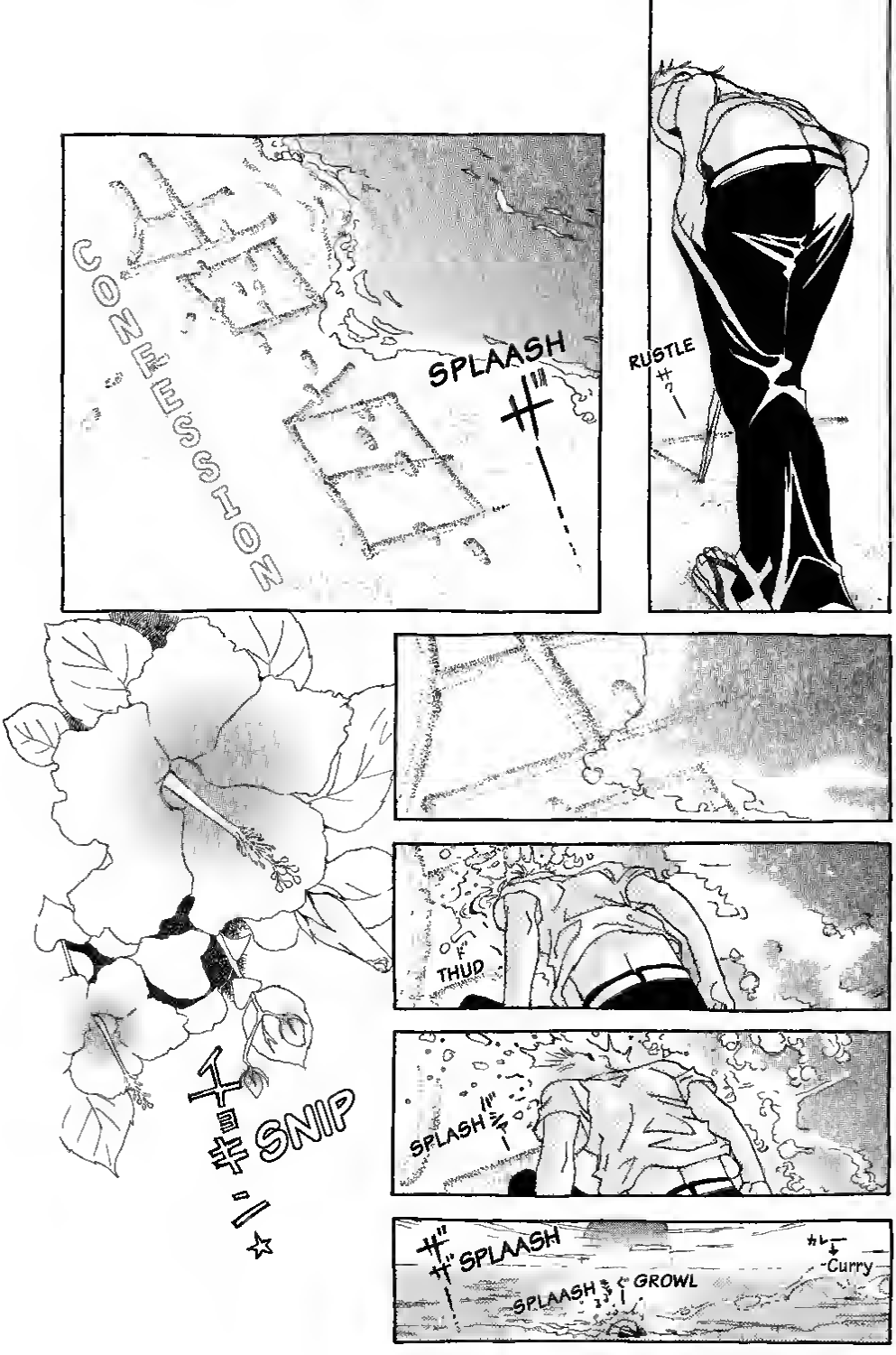

Okay.
I'll ask Mr.Okoda to add you.
Thank you.


His...
... SHOULDERS ARE SO FRAIL.

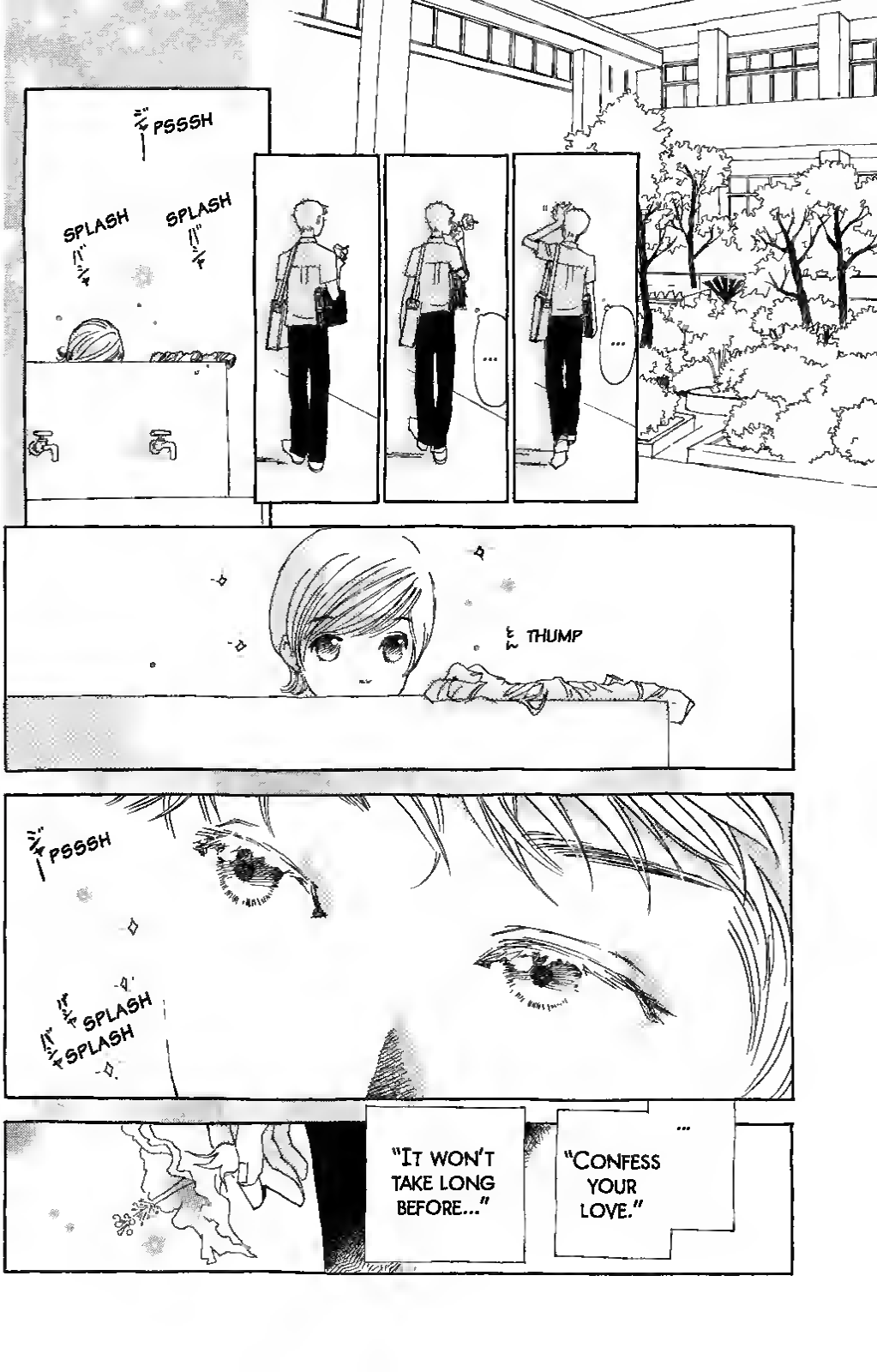

...HOW HE WOULD LOOK SHOOTING WITH ONE SHOULDER EXPOSED.
Sasahara.
Sasahara?
I WONDER ...
Hm?!
Do you live in this direction, too?
Alright.
I'll see you tomorrow.
FLUFF
Um.
No. I live... um, that way.


GROW LOTS OF FLOWERS PROJECT
Hirahira Elderly Club
Same shampoo as his sister
...a boner.
I got...
AHHHHHHHHHH
のぉおおお

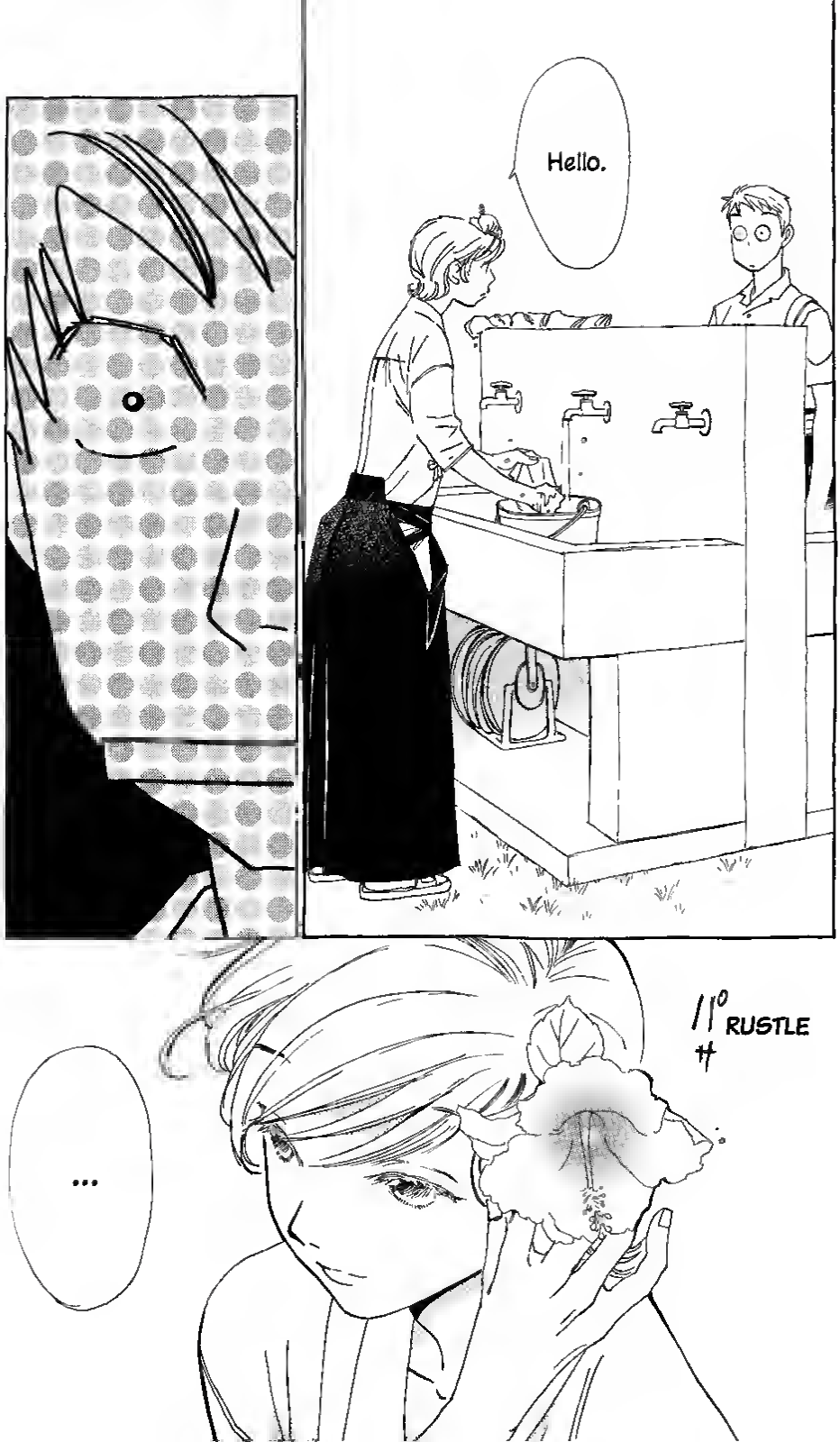

SPLAAASH
It's curry!
SPLASH
Kenichi!
Dinner!
SNAP
SNAP
SPLAAASH
PLOP
PLOP
Ken, it's curry.
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
SPLAASH
Oh?
SPLAASH

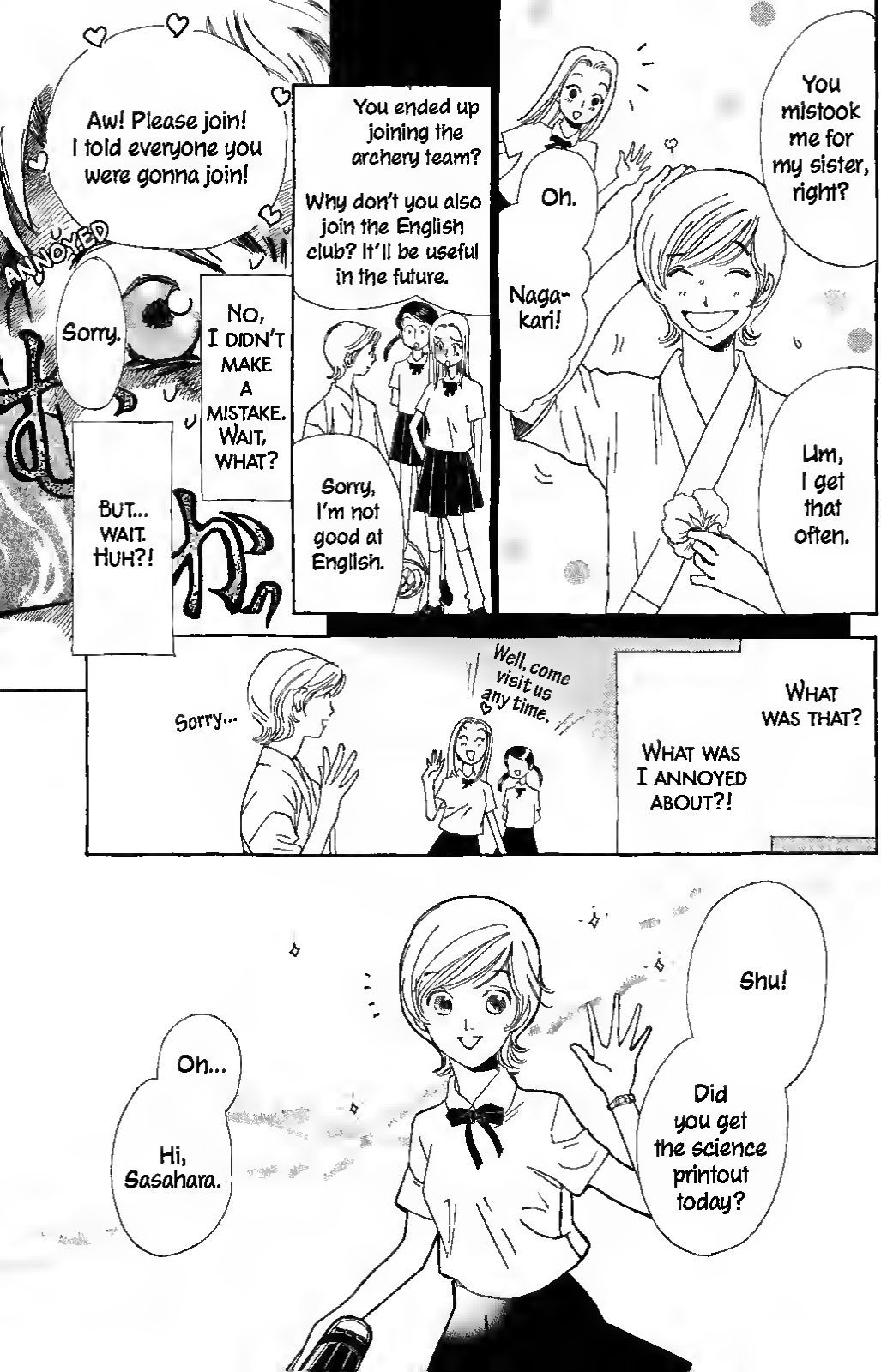

CONFESSION
SPLAASH
RUSTLE
SNIP
THUD
SPLASH
SPLAASH
SPLAASH
GROWL
Curry

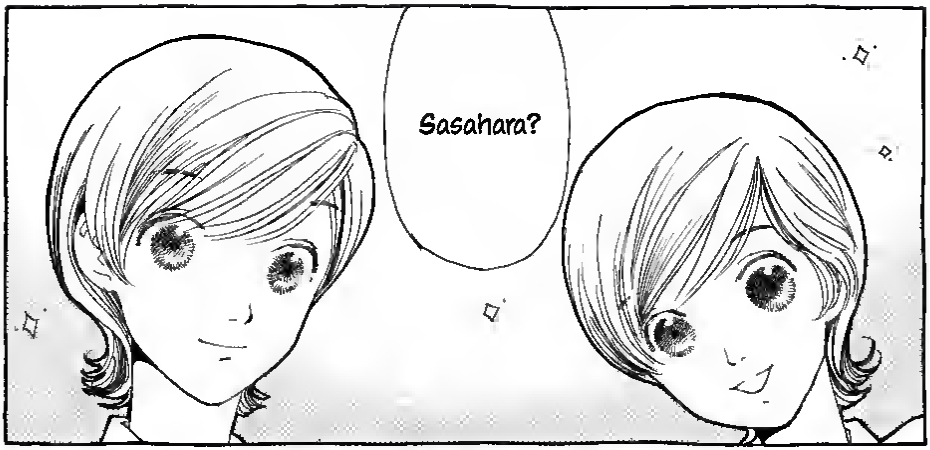

チョキン
SNIP
Mr.Okoda ...
TAP TAP
Summer camp sign ups aren't closed yet, right?
I don't think so.
Mm.
チョキン
SNIP
Are you allowed to cut these off?
You gotta prune them to make the plant stronger.
THUMP
Ow!
Some-thing stabbed me.
Wa ha ha.
Ow, that hurt.


PSSSH
SPLASH
SPLASH
...
...
THUMP
PSSSH
SPLASH
SPLASH
"IT WON'T TAKE LONG BEFORE..."
...
"CONFESS YOUR LOVE."


PSSSH
PSSSH

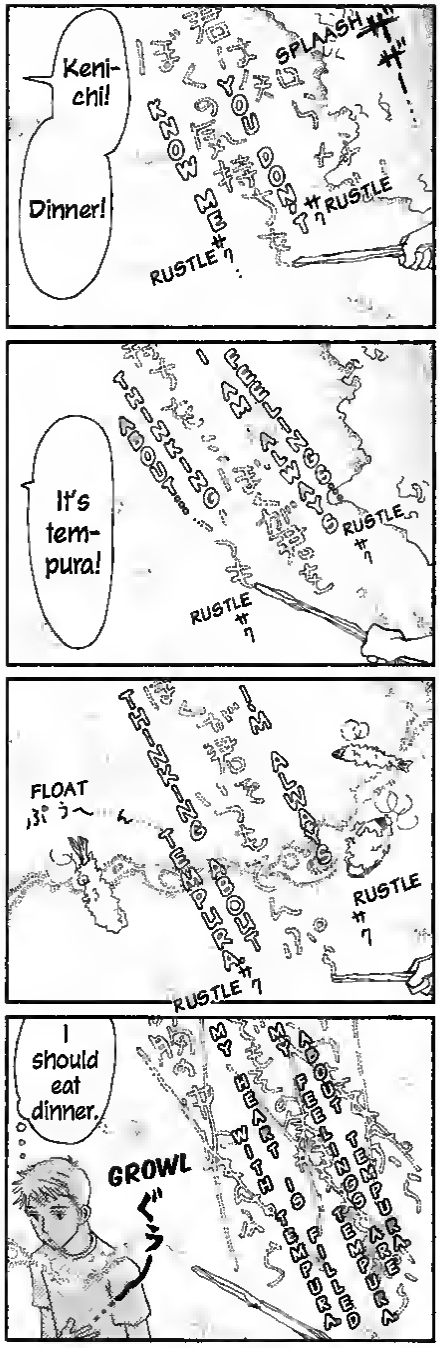

Hello.
...
RUSTLE


You mistook me for my sister, right?
Oh.
Naga-kari!
Um, I get that often.
You ended up joining the archery team?
Why don't you also join the English club? It'll be useful in the future.
Sorry, I'm not good at English.
NO, I DIDN'T MAKE A MISTAKE. WAIT, WHAT?
BUT... WAIT. HUH?!
Aw! Please join! I told everyone you were gonna join!
ANNOYED
Sorry.
Sorry...
Well, come visit us any time.
WHAT WAS THAT?
WHAT WAS I ANNOYED ABOUT?!
Shu!
Did you get the science printout today?
Oh...
Hi, Sasahara.


Sasahara?


WHO...?


There's a stone statue covered in sweat.
WHO AM I SUPPOSED TO CONFESS MY LOVE TO?
終
END

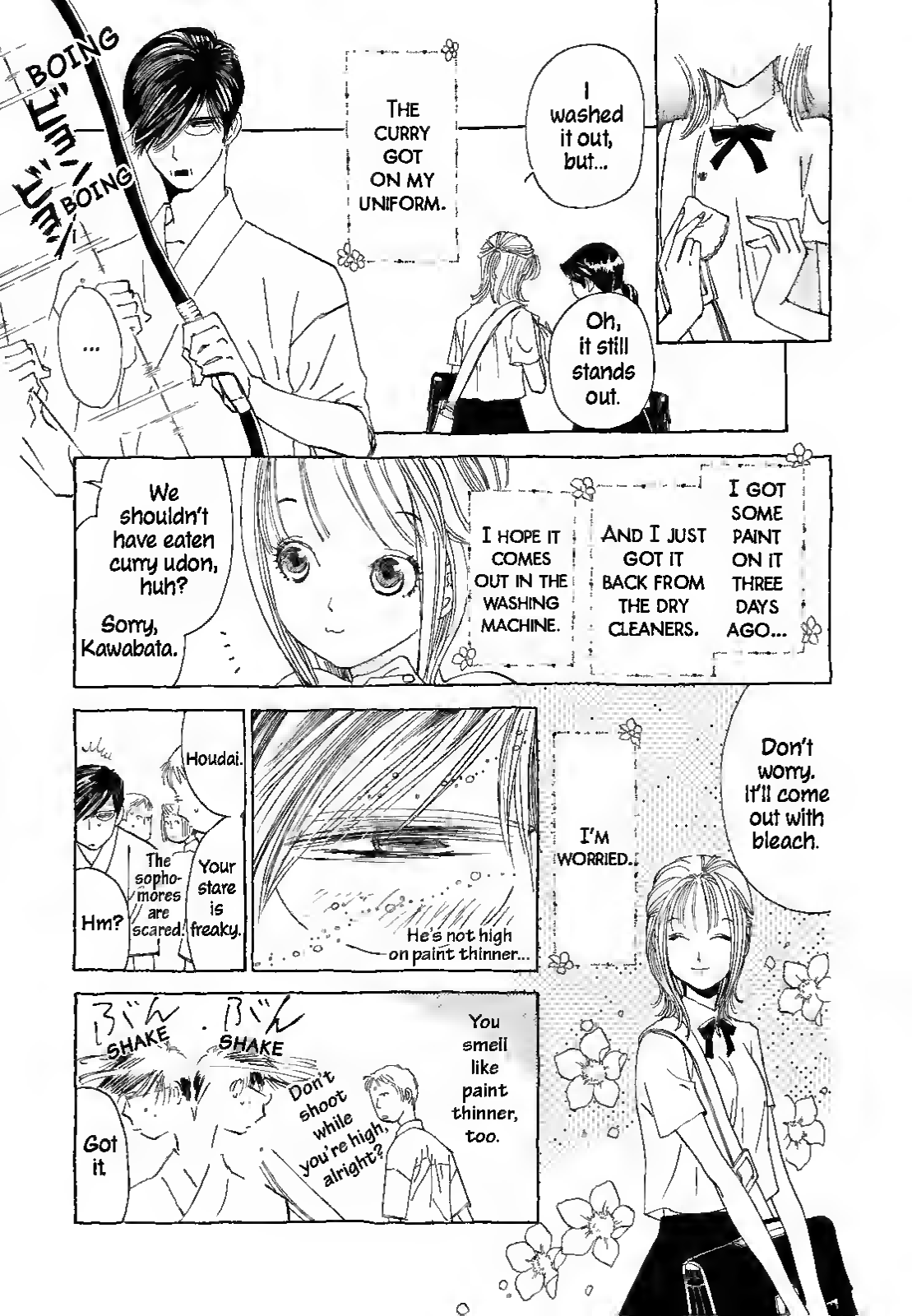

Kenichi!
Dinner!
SPLAAASH
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
It's tempura!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
FLOAT
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
I should eat dinner.
GROWL


Chapter 2

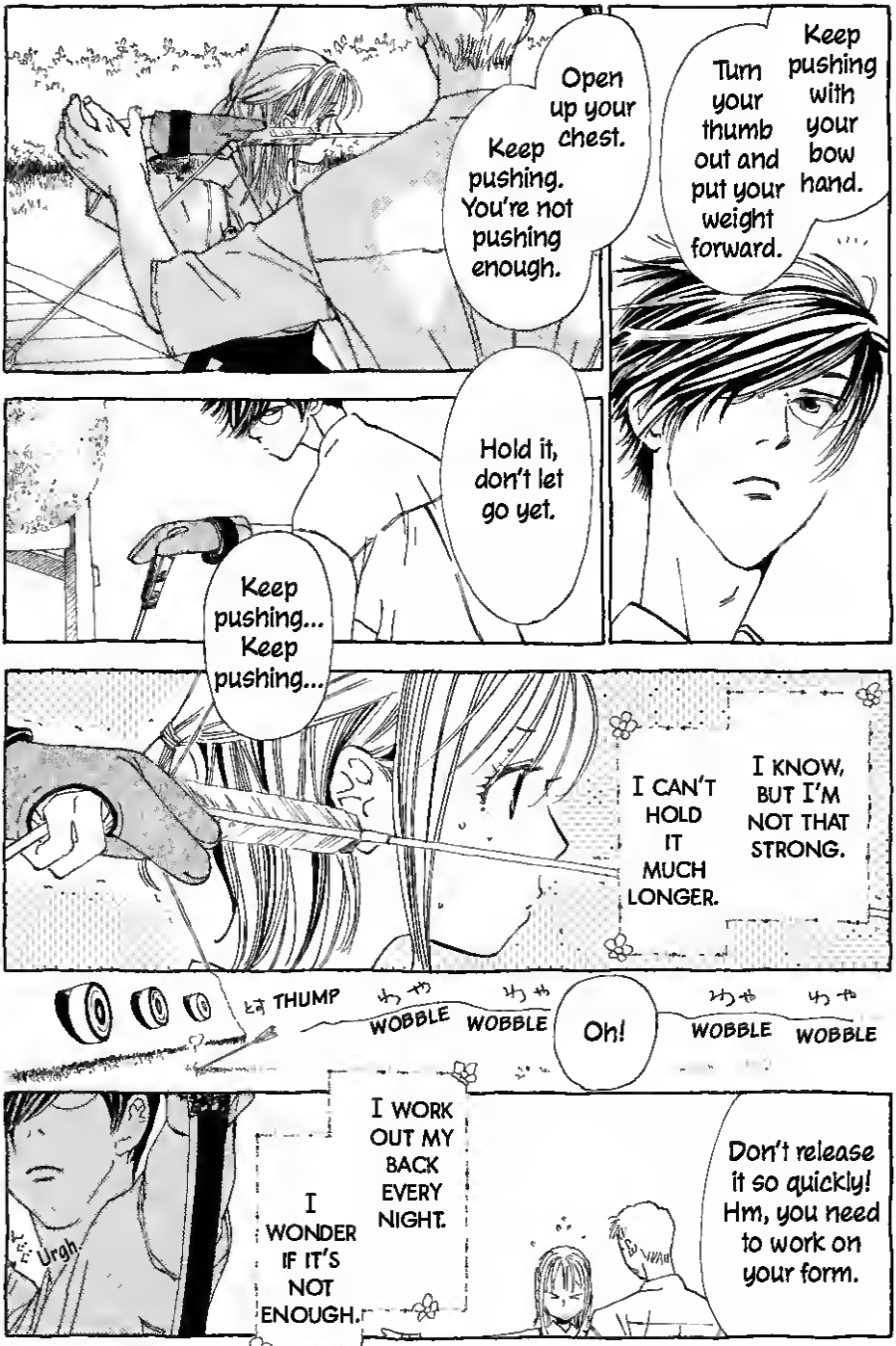

Eating
HOUDAI
2-2
27.5
Beer drinking
HOUDAI
2-2
27.5
...
FINE ARTS
ROOM
TWIST
PAINT THINNER
MUMBLE
DIE
SCRUB
Some inconsiderate fool.
This was brand new.
Karma's gonna get you.
It's the fate of having an unusual name.
SPLASH
Someone did that to you, Houdai?
GASP
...
WHISPER
Isn't he creepy?
WHISPER
Yeah...


WODDLE
I HOPE YOU DIE, TOO.
Oh.
Quickly.
SIGH
SIGH
SCRUB
HUFF
STAIN
しみ
THUD


July 4th
Hello.
Oh.
She's cute.
こんにちは
Hello.
H-Hi.
She's cute.
Oh!
こんにちは
Hello.
Yo.
こうすけ
I completely forgot my lunch today.
High
That's paint thinner, kid.
What an idiot.
I wanted to eat spaghetti, but it was sold out.
So I decided to eat in the cafeteria, but it was crowded.
So I ate curry udon.
Then...!
Hello.
Hi.


BOING
BOING
...
THE CURRY GOT ON MY UNIFORM.
I washed it out, but...
Oh, it still stands out.
We shouldn't have eaten curry udon, huh?
Sorry, Kawabata.
I HOPE IT COMES OUT IN THE WASHING MACHINE.
AND I JUST GOT IT BACK FROM THE DRY CLEANERS.
I GOT SOME PAINT ON IT THREE DAYS AGO...
Houdai.
Hm?
The sopho-mores are scared.
Your stare is freaky.
He's not high on paint thinner...
I'M WORRIED.
Don't worry. It'll come out with bleach.
SHAKE
SHAKE
Got it
Don't shoot while you're high, alright?
You smell like paint thinner, too.


SCENT
TROT, TROT, TROT
SHE WAS USING FRUITY PEACH BEFORE ...
FRESH CITRUS ...
キラーン
GLEAM
THE LAST BOTTLE SHOULD BE RUNNING OUT BY NOW. PLUS...
THAT'S RIGHT.
...IT'S THE SEASON FOR "FRESH CITRUS" NOW.
Fufu.
Okay, pull back.
I know I'm creepy.


Open up your chest.
Keep pushing. You're not pushing enough.
Keep pushing with your bow hand.
Turn your thumb out and put your weight forward.
Hold it, don't let go yet.
Keep pushing... Keep pushing...
I CAN'T HOLD IT MUCH LONGER.
I KNOW, BUT I'M NOT THAT STRONG.
THUMP
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
Oh!
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
Urgh
I WONDER IF IT'S NOT ENOUGH.
I WORK OUT MY BACK EVERY NIGHT.
Don't release it so quickly! Hm, you need to work on your form.


We're done for today.
Everyone, please clean up!
GATHER
THWAP
I work out my back every night.
But I'm not getting any stronger.
GRIN
Yeah.
Don't give up.
TAP
TROT
TROT
TROT
TROT
TROT
TROT
GIGGLE
THUD
Hey! Don't play around, sophomores!
GIGGLE
THUD
Okay.
SCENT
SNORT
TROT
TROT
TROT

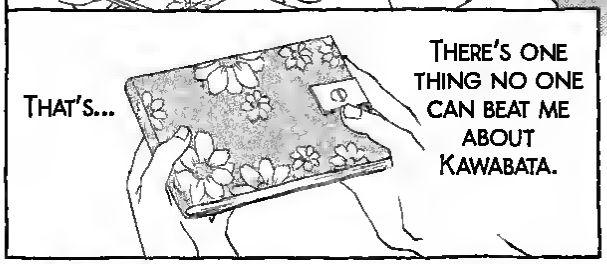

BUT ALL THIS SWEATING SHOULD BE LIKE GETTING A DETOX ♡
I NEED TO WIPE MYSELF DOWN IN THE LOCKER ROOM.
OH, I'M ALL SWEATY. THE HAKAMA IS HOT, TOO!
SINCE I HAD CURRY UDON FOR LUNCH, I HOPE IT'S NOT CURRY TONIGHT.
WHAT'S FOR DINNER TONIGHT?
I'M HUN~ GRY.
Why are you smiling to yourself?
Jinx.
BUT KNOWING MY LUCK, IT'S GONNA BE CURRY AGAIN.
JINX.
Let's go change.
Do you have any deodorant wipes, Nakajima? ♡
Oh... yeah, right.
Oh... I was hoping we don't get curry for dinner tonight.

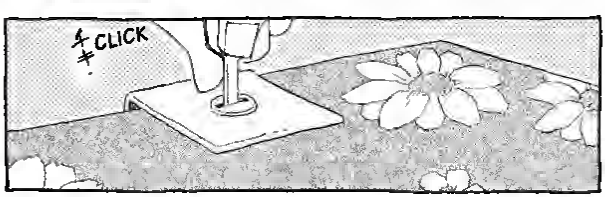

にまGRIN
GIGGLE
きゃっ
きゃ
GIGGLE
Uh...
Since the seniors will only be participating in the team for a few more weeks...
...freshmen should use this opportunity to learn the basics from them. And...
OH NO.
MY STOMACH IS GONNA GROWL.
Be mindful when you go fetch the arrows...
GROWL
Is that a hint to keep it short?
That's it from me today.
Pray. Bow.


Thank you.
Good practice, everyone.
Oh, that was so embarrassing!
Everyone heard it, didn't the?!
CLAP
CLAP
SHE DIDN'T...
...LOOK AT ME EVEN ONCE.


Fu.
WHOOSH
EVEN THOUGH I WAS RIGHT NEXT TO HER.

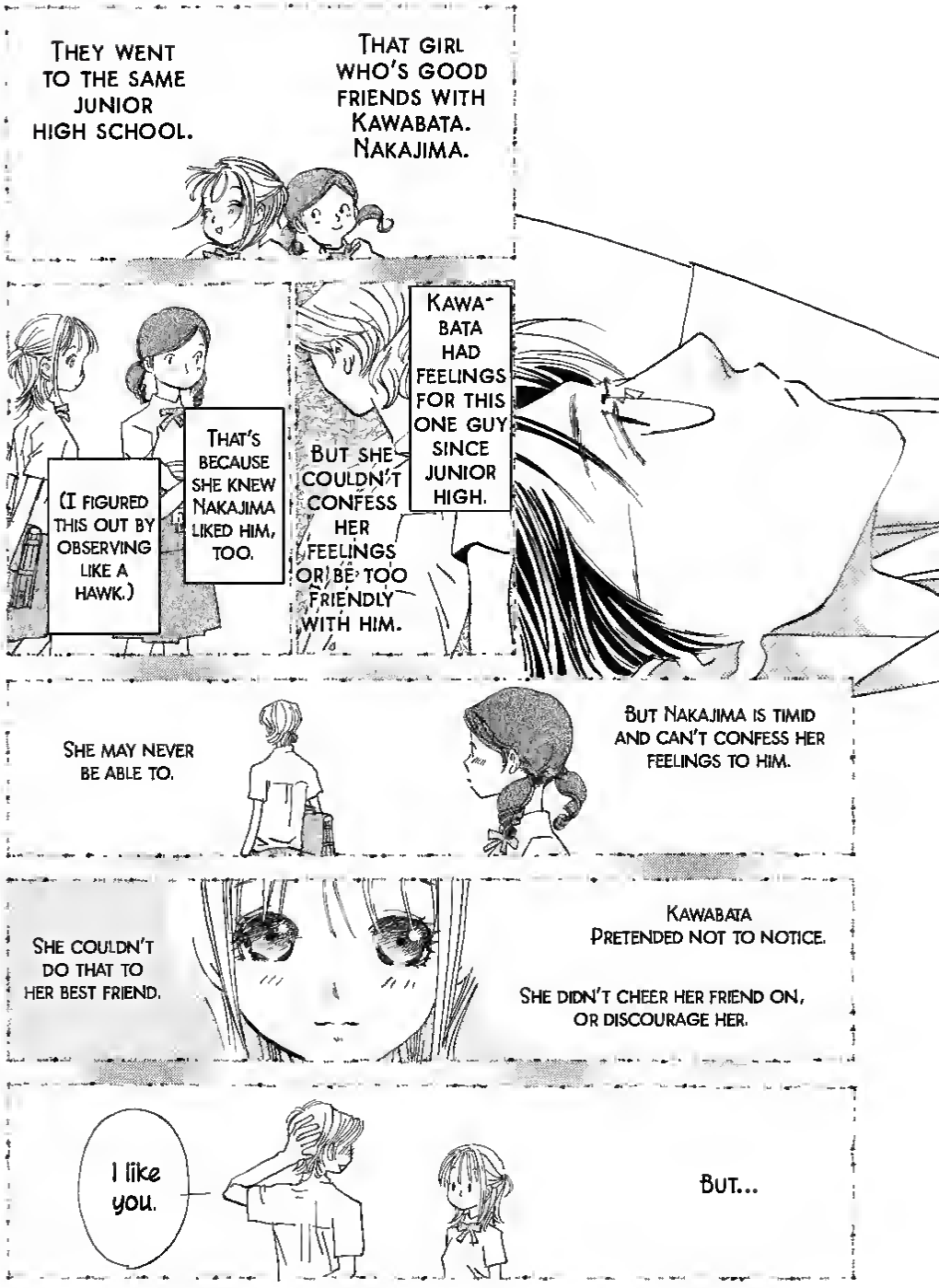

But...


THAT'S...
THERE'S ONE THING NO ONE CAN BEAT ME ABOUT KAWABATA.

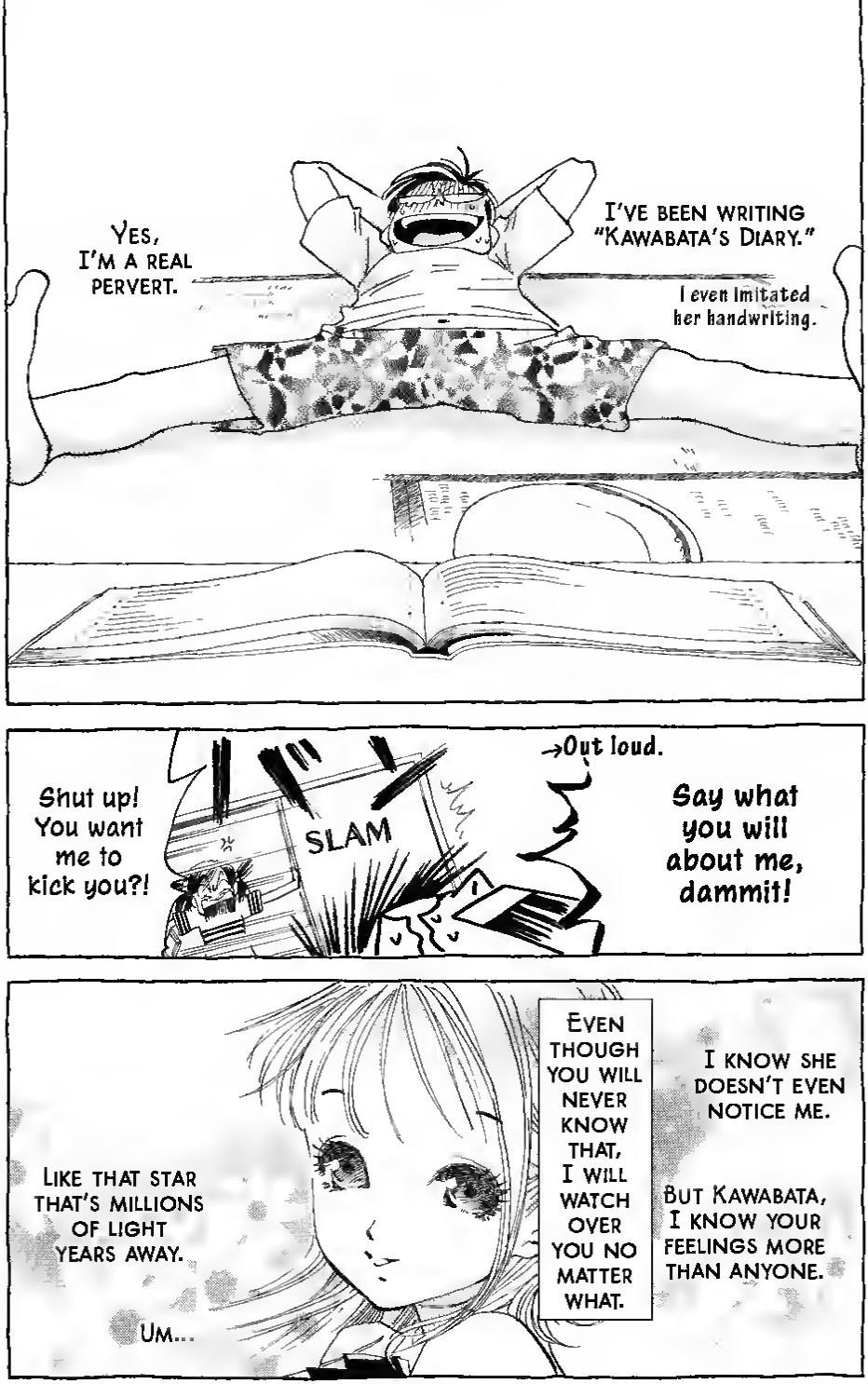

CLICK


Hmph
North Star?
Are you laughing at me?
Die.


SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE
OTHER GUYS...
NIBBLE
SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE
I OBSERVE KAWABATA MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE!
GERMANY
I KNOW... MORE THAN ANYONE...
WHAT KAWABATA IS THINKING.
THAT'S BECAUSE...
THUD
SLIDE
Saying it out loud from here
IF THEY REALLY THINK KAWABATA IS CUTE ...
Bro! Shut up!!
Shouldn't they put themselves in her shoes and understand what she's thinking?!
...JUST LOOK AT KAWABATA'S FACE AND SAY SHE'S CUTE.
BUT NO ONE UNDERSTANDS HER TRUE FEELINGS!
Kawabata: "Is this the archery team?" Me: "Yes it is."
I'll never forget it! April 8th, cloudy day ...
What conversation did you have with this Kawabata girl!?
...
SNICKER
SLIDE
6th grade
That's it. Loser.
SLUMP


THEY WENT TO THE SAME JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL.
THAT GIRL WHO'S GOOD FRIENDS WITH KAWABATA. NAKAJIMA.
(I FIGURED THIS OUT BY OBSERVING LIKE A HAWK.)
THAT'S BECAUSE SHE KNEW NAKAJIMA LIKED HIM, TOO.
BUT SHE COULDN'T CONFESS HER FEELINGS OR BE TOO FRIENDLY WITH HIM.
KAWABATA HAD FEELINGS FOR THIS ONE GUY SINCE JUNIOR HIGH.
SHE MAY NEVER BE ABLE TO.
BUT NAKAJIMA IS TIMID AND CAN'T CONFESS HER FEELINGS TO HIM.
SHE COULDN'T DO THAT TO HER BEST FRIEND.
KAWABATA PRETENDED NOT TO NOTICE.
SHE DIDN'T CHEER HER FRIEND ON, OR DISCOURAGE HER.
I like you.
BUT...


Kawabata...
...didn't tell anyone about this.
I wonder how she's feeling.
Witnessed this moment.
But...
Of course she was happy.
SHOOSH
Since then...
I wanted to justify her feelings.
When I thought that...
I...
July 4th
I completely forgot my lunch
So I decided to eat in the cafete
I wanted to eat spaghetti, but it was
So I ate curry udon. Then...!
The curry got on my uniform
I got some paint on it three days ago,
And I just got it back from the dry cleaners
I hope it comes out in the washing machine.
I'm worried.

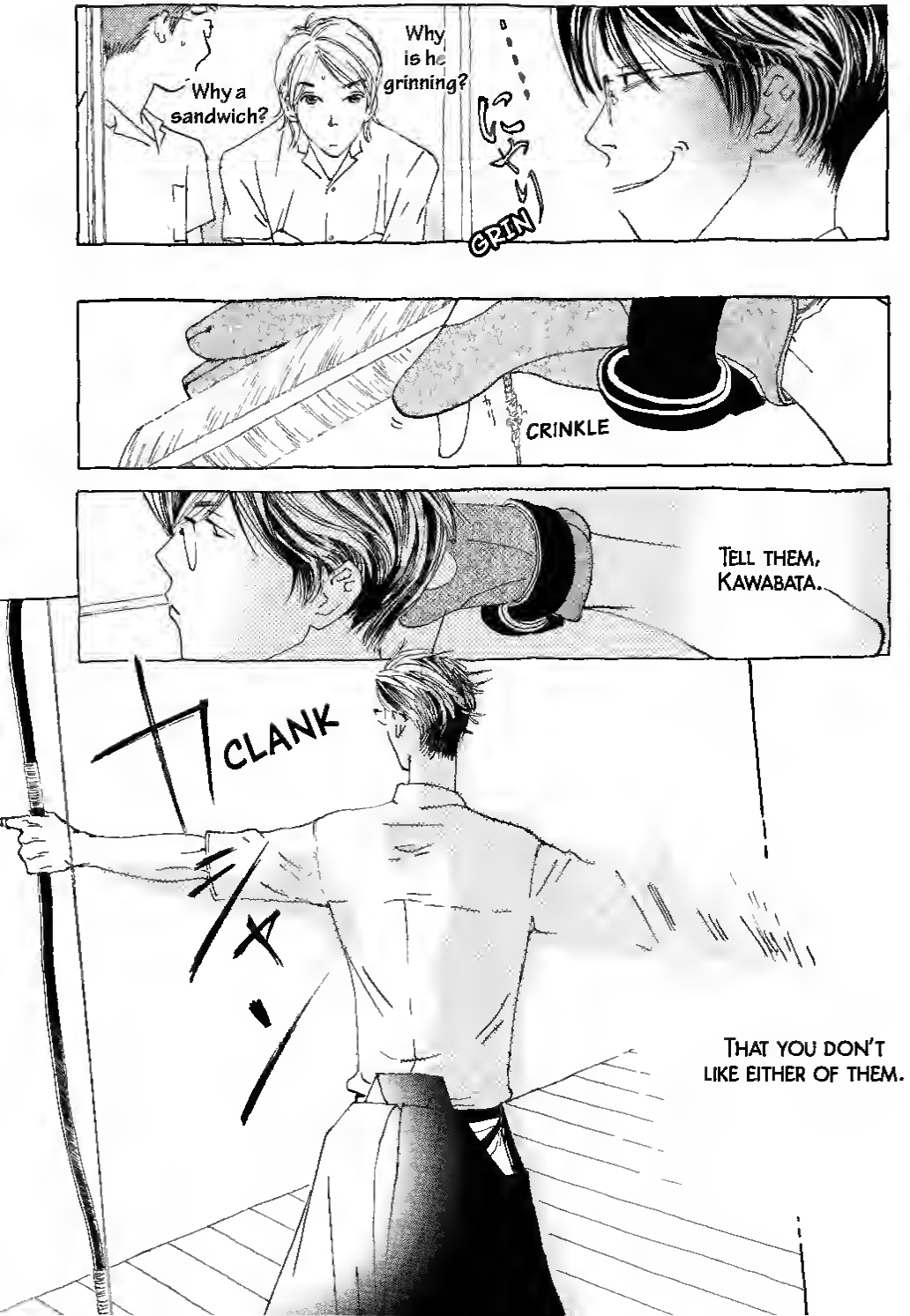

YES, I'M A REAL PERVERT.
I'VE BEEN WRITING "KAWABATA'S DIARY."
I even imitated her handwriting.
Shut up! You want me to kick you?!
SLAM
→Out loud.
Say what you will about me, dammit!
LIKE THAT STAR THAT'S MILLIONS OF LIGHT YEARS AWAY.
UM...
EVEN THOUGH YOU WILL NEVER KNOW THAT, I WILL WATCH OVER YOU NO MATTER WHAT.
I KNOW SHE DOESN'T EVEN NOTICE ME.
BUT KAWABATA, I KNOW YOUR FEELINGS MORE THAN ANYONE.


I'M THE ONE THAT SHOULD DIE...
...
2-2
*ACK
ぎゃ
SOB
Shut up
Hey...
Houdai.
は
GASP
Shut up
We're still in this world
Curse practice book
There's a sophomore girl named Kawabata on the archery team, right?
Say...


SCRIBBLE
SCRIBBLE
I dunno.
Eh, you're no use.
So?
Does she have a boyfriend or something?
DATA
Name: Tominaga
Team: Soccer
Height: 182cm
Hobby: Motorcycle (250cc)
BY THE WAY...
Hey... Houdai.
WEREN'T YOU GOING OUT WITH A (KINDA SLUTTY) GIRL FROM THE CHEERLEADING SQUAD RECENTLY?
BY THE WAY...
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
Do you know if.
I don't know!
I see...
Can I bother you with something?
There's a girl on the archery team... What was her name again? Oh yes, Um. Kawabata.
DATA
Name: Furuichi
Family: Owns the local hospital.
Grades: Top of class.
Hobby: Horseback Riding


THWAP
DIDN'T YOU SAY, "A WOMAN'S BACKGROUND MATTERS" EARLIER?
Kawabata's family are regular government employees.
THWAP


Oh, no.
What should I do?
Hm. Archery, huh?
...
I guess I should respond to them.
But honestly, I...
Oh, I'm hungry.
No wonder my mind keeps wandering.
I should go buy a sandwich.
Where are you going?
To buy a sandwich at Izumiya.
You really like their sandwiches, don't you?

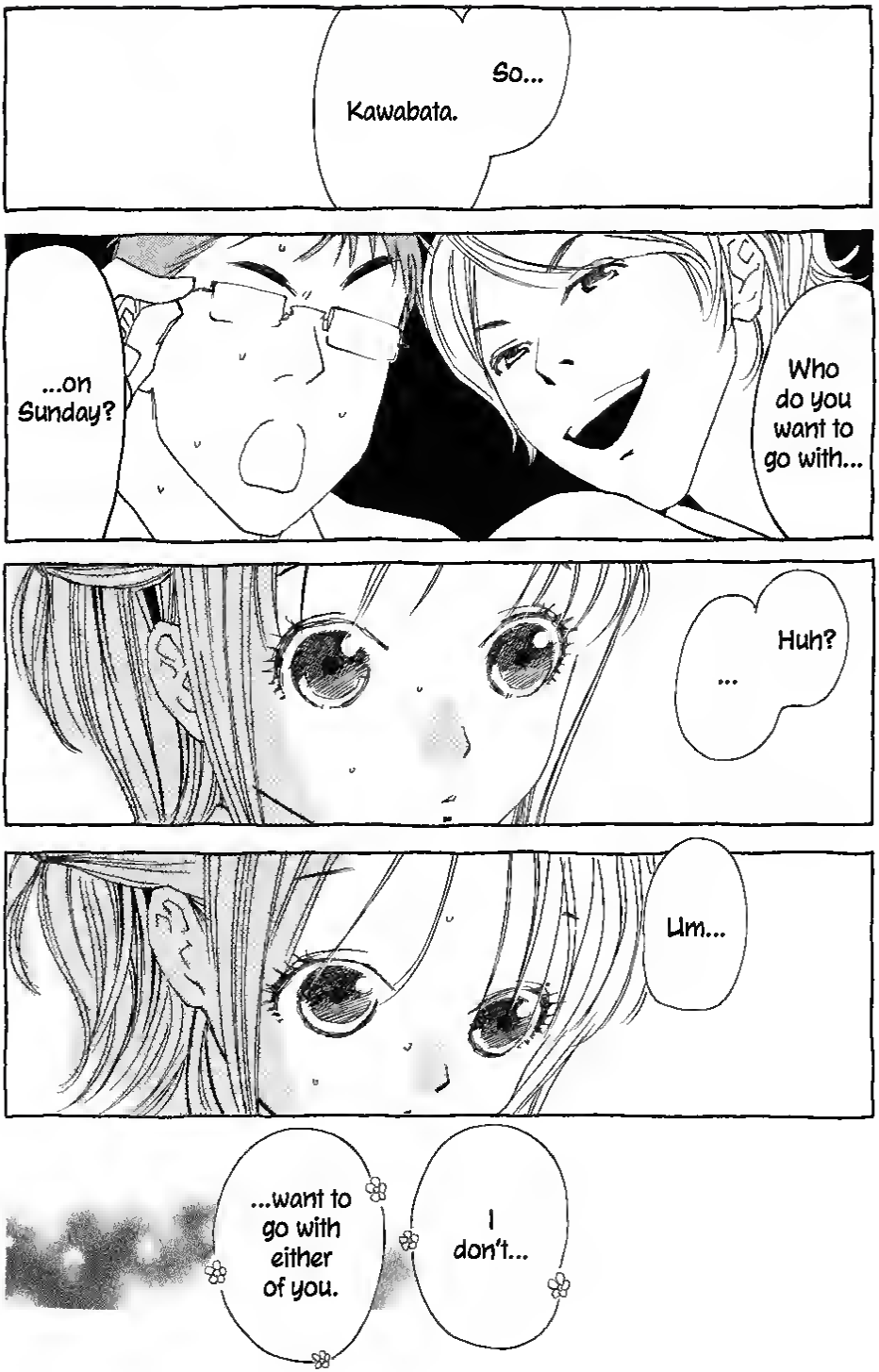

Why a sandwich?
Why is he grinning?
GRIN
CRINKLE
TELL THEM, KAWABATA.
CLANK
THAT YOU DON'T LIKE EITHER OF THEM.


HIC
Hm?
Just kidding.
MILK TEA
Alcohol in a cup
WODDLE
WODDLE


30 seconds later...
Kawabata.
(Finally found courage.)
What's the matter?
Um, uh...
Oh!
I lost my contacts.
Don't worry. It's getting dark. I don't think we'll find them.
No, it's okay.
Let's keep looking.
They aren't disposables, right?
You don't want to waste them, and if we find them it's all good.
Um...
What was his name again?
This guy...
...
It hurts... knowing what you're thinking, Kawabata!
Hey!


What are you doing?
Contacts? Kawabata's?
Then I'll help look for them.
Huh?
Uh...
What's up, Kawabata?
Did you lose your contacts? I'll help you find them.
What if you're stepping on them? Look by your feet!
Do you wear hard or soft lenses? Hard lenses roll, huh?
Oh, no...
That was fast!
He doesn't hesitate at all!
Hey, Kawabata. What are you doing this Sunday?
Huh? I have to go to team practice.
What time does it end?
Do you want to go to the city afterwards? I'm gonna go buy some CDs.


HONK
ビー
Huh?
Go buy your own CDs by yourself.
Never mind him. Kawabata, did you know horseback riding is hip right now?
We own several horses. Do you want to go in my dad's car?
The food is great there. Wanna go with me?
And my friend works at that new pizza place by the station.
Uh...
Huh?
...
Oh! Mr. Okoda!
Hey.
It's getting late. Do you want a ride home?
You kids...
No thanks!
NO WAY! I DO!
I DON'T CARE ABOUT MY CONTACTS. I JUST WANT TO GET OUT OF HERE.
ARGH. WHY AM I STUCK HERE LIKE THIS?
WHZ
SPARK
Alright
VRRM

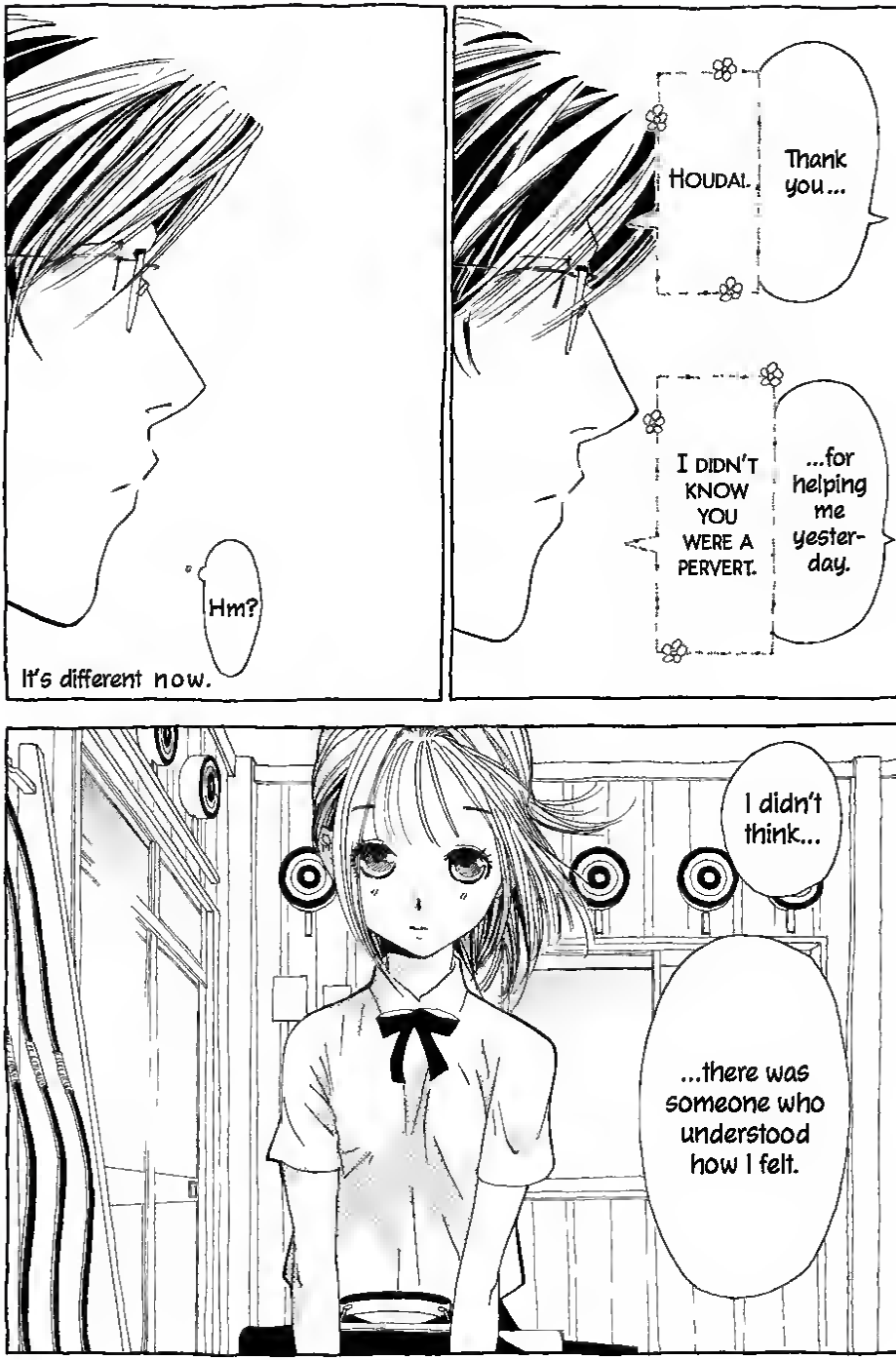

So...
Kawabata.
...on Sunday?
Who do you want to go with...
Huh?
...
Um...
...want to go with either of you.
I don't...


So stop hanging around me already!
I don't like either of you, so I can't pick either way.
And after team practice, I have zither class so I don't have time to go out!
HM!
Plus ...
READY READY READY READY READY...
DASH DASH
Hagh!
PANT PANT


Kawa-
bata.
Hop
on in.
7"
VROOM
HUFF
はぁ
HUFF
はぁ
PUFF
はぁ…
DASH
DASH
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
死ぬ。
I'M GONNA DIE.


UNDERWEAR
GOOD-BYE.
KAWABATA.
I should die.
I won't bid good-bye to anyone and...
OUTLOUD
If you're gonna die, go quietly!
MUMBLE
OH, NO... I HAVE TO DIE.
I'M JUST A WEIRDO. A PERVERT.
A WEIRD, PERVERTED OLD MAN!

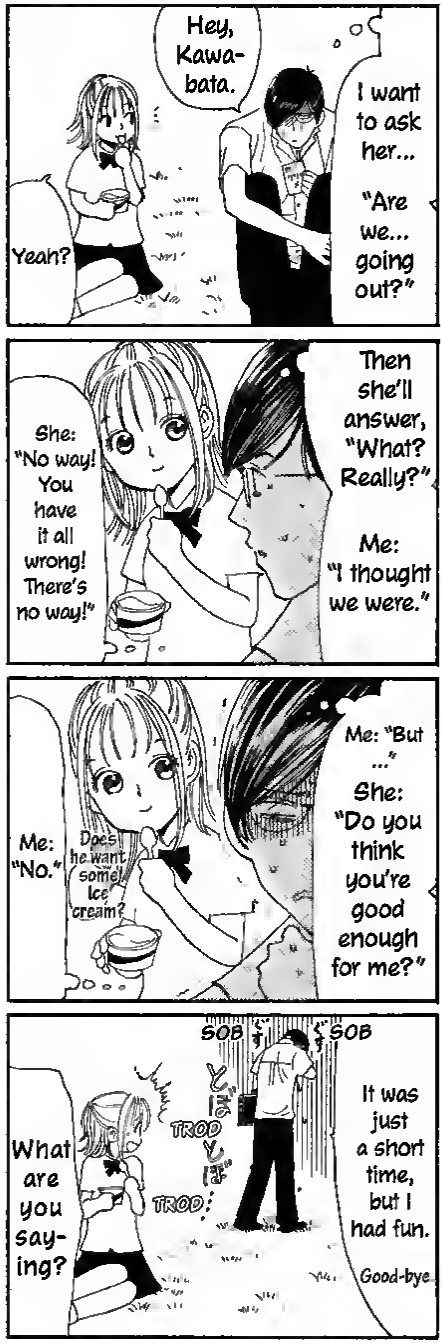

I should change.
SNAP
SLIDE
Houdai.
Hello.
GRIP
RUSTLE


It's different now.
Hm?
HOUDAI.
Thank you...
...for helping me yesterday.
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE A PERVERT.
I didn't think...
...there was someone who understood how I felt.


No, don't say it.
You can't!!
I don't know how to say this, but...
Um.
Uh.
Wait a minute.
No.
I...
...think...
I like you.
Uh. Pant.
Me?
Huh?
I thought...
I knew your thoughts better than anyone else.
I don't understand what you're thinking!
This is the first time...

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END

Fate of This Relationship



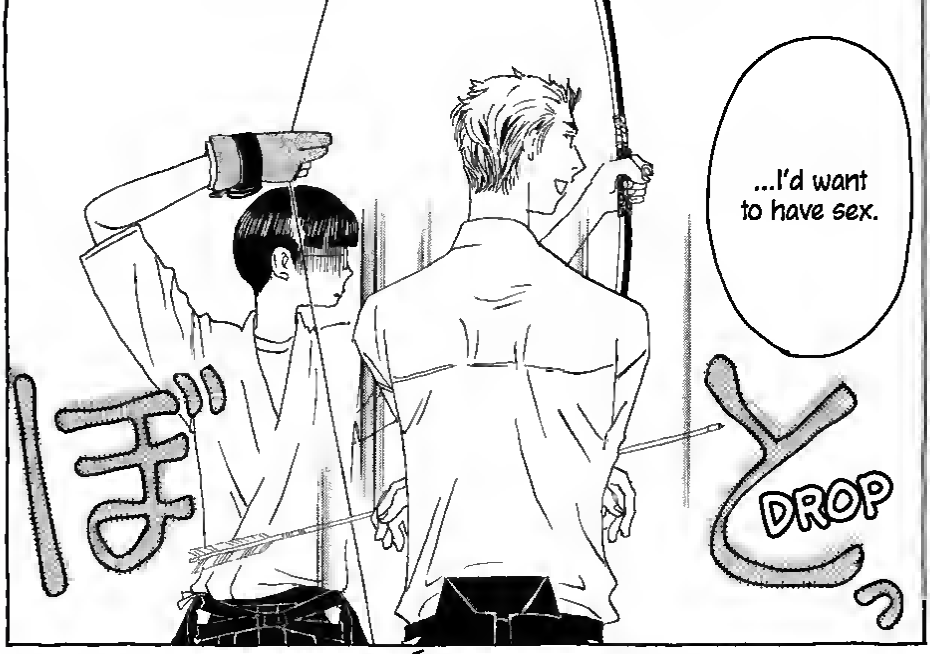

Chapter 3


Your right shoulder is too high.
Consider tightening your shoulder blade.
That's right.
And release all at once.


THWAP
What was that?
Don't be so loud.
LOCKER ROOM
THUD
Whoa!!
Mr.Okoda, Tomokazu brought a pervy book.
You're a pervert, Mr. Okoda.
Alright, I'll take it away.
I'd like it back, please
Hurry up and begin practice, Tomokazu.
You're always full of distractions and doing unnecessary things.
Just bikinis.
It's not that pervy, teacher.
Nagao is the pervert.


Yessir.
Kenichi, move over.
Don't stick your head out like that.
No.
CLANK
Yeah, just like that.
SPARKLE
THWAP
SPARKLE


He's the best among the sophomores this year.
Captain Tokushige, can you look at me?
Shut up.
Your face is funny.
Yeah. I want to make him into a team captain for the sophomore championships.
Ozono really improved.
I'm getting the arrows.
CLUNK
SIGH
What was that?
Your concentration is off.
He's so cute.
If he could be a woman, or I could be a woman...

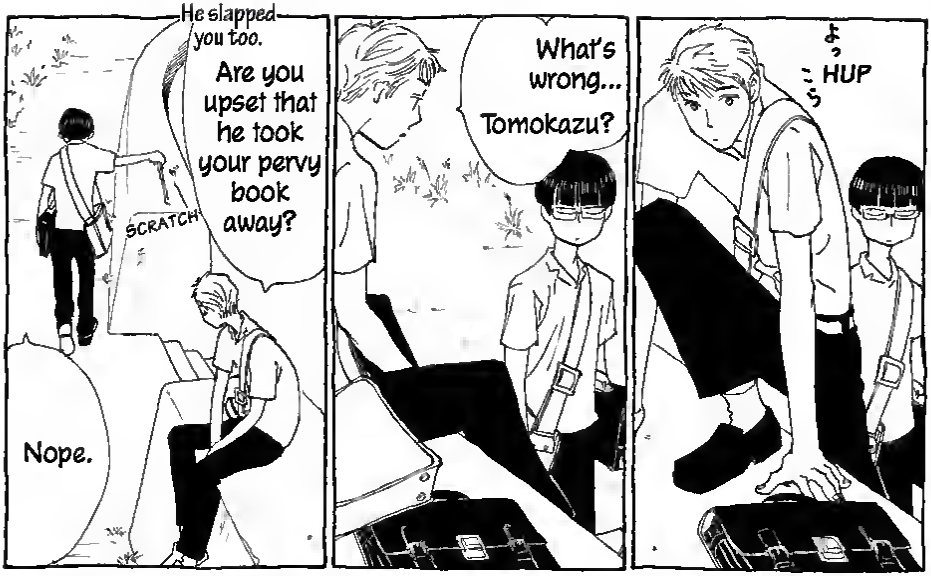

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...I'd want to have sex.
DROP


Oh, don't worry.
RATTLE
RATTLE
That's what you were thinking? Y-You're a p-perv...
What are you saying?
Wha-

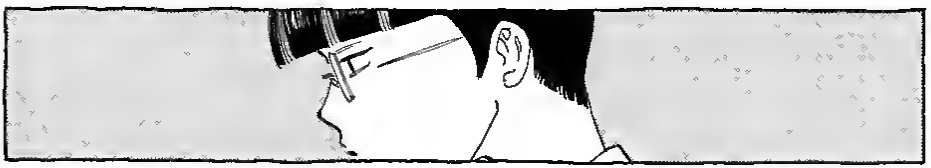

Whew, I'm thirsty. Gimme water.
どすっ
STOMP
どすっ
STOMP


キラ
SPARKLE
キラ
SPARKLE
I don't feel that way about you.
キラ
SPARKLE


...?
GULP GULP GULP
ゴクッ ゴクッ ゴクッ
Tomo-kazu, you're in my way.
Tomo-kazu...
Are you going?
To where?
Sigh.
Shrine archery match.
I shot 5 of 6, but I only got a 500 yen book gift card.
I wish the prize was a little better.
Tomokazu? Are you going to the shrine archery match next month?


He slapped you too.
Are you upset that he took your pervy book away?
SCRATCH
Nope.
What's wrong... Tomokazu?
ふっ
HUP

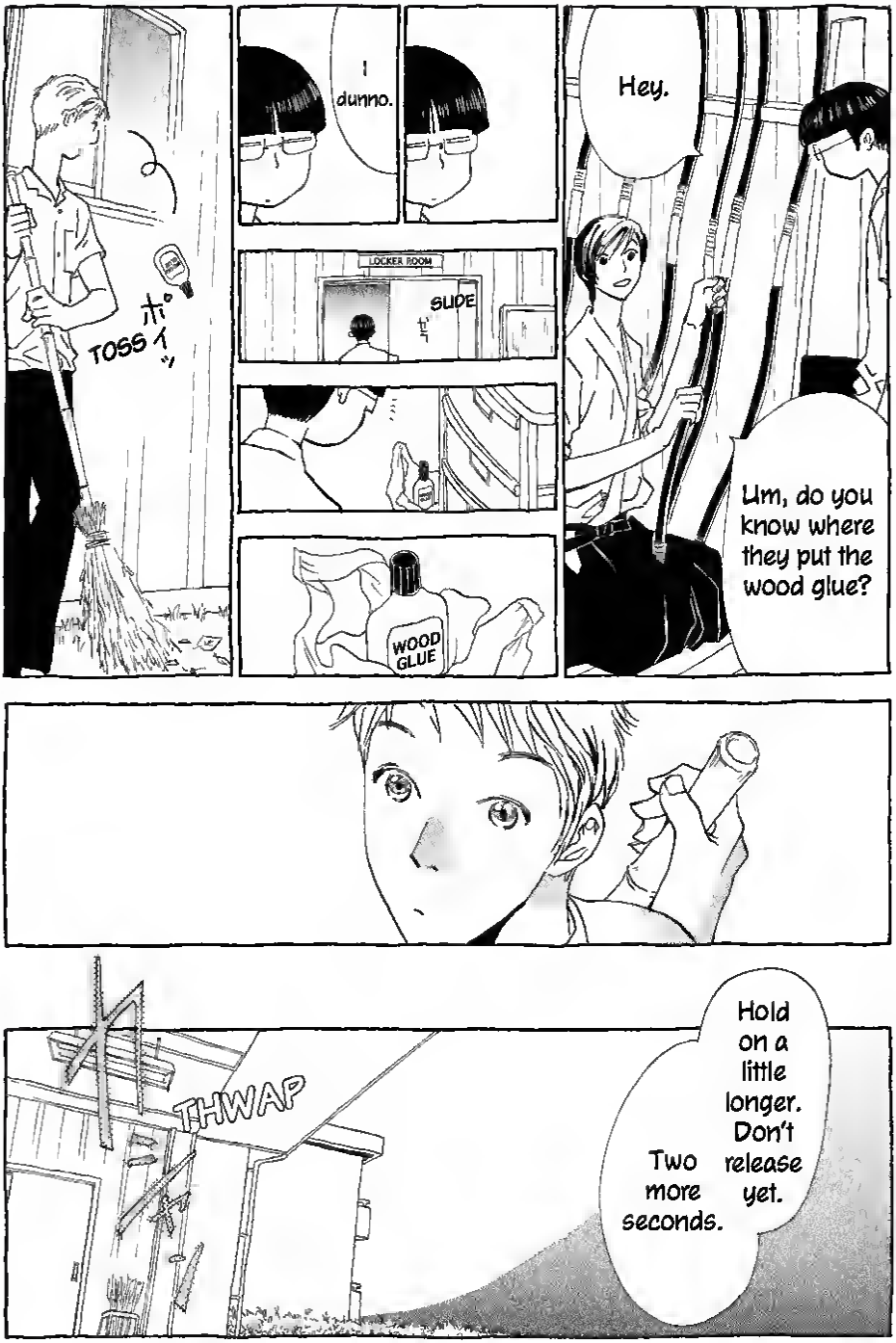

Would you want to have sex with me?
If one of us were a woman...
Kenichi.
Say...






2-2
...
Sure. Slowly, as you read it.
No, it's not pervy.
Is it pervy?
Ugh. He's not even joking.
Is it fun?
What are you reading, Tokushige?
Keats. His poetry collection.
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
SIGH
SPARKLE
SPARKLE


Let me borrow any of the good pervy books, alright?
WHISPER
The meeting for all captains is in the audio-visual room.
Toku-shige.
She smells good
Alright.
...
BLUSH
...?
Oh...
Hello, Nagao.


TOSS
ポイッ
I dunno.
LOCKER ROOM
SLIDE
WOOD GLUE
Hey.
Um, do you know where they put the wood glue?
THWAP
Hold on a little longer. Don't release yet.
Two more seconds.


Huh?
No, no.
TSK TSK TSK
Toku-shige, will you look at me next?
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
Good. You're getting better at your habit of releasing early.
Oh, great.
WHISPER
Don't bother them.
They're savoring their moment together.
WHAT?
TELL US MORE!
にま
GRIN
Don't mind us.
Continue your lesson of love.
...?
Wait.
So...
Those two are...?
RIP
RIP
RIP
Is it true?
Yep.
You should make a doujinshi about them.


SCREAM
Captain has to be the seme!
No, it'll be better if Ozono is the seme.
FU
...にま。
GRIN
...
SCREAM
SILENCE
...
Hey, You guys over there.
What are you chatting about?
So?
GRIN
にま
Which one of you is in love with me?


CHEW
CHEW
……ささささ——……
SCRUFFLE
SLAM
ピシャ
SCREAM
キャー
SCREAM
キャー


Stop saying it like that. I'll take a look at you, so shoot.
You're separated today.
DISTANCE
About what?!
What are you pointing at?!
Are you sure?
SNICKER
SNOOP
Tomokazu.
You're doing it on purpose, aren't you?


Stop it.
Doing what?
Oh, Kantaro.
I think it's bothering them.
They're both good looking. Girls always fantasize about guys like that.
The sophomore girls are fantasizing on their own.
You came to greet me.
PANT PANT
WOOF WOOF WOOF
Tomo-kazu.
Yeah?
Are you...?
Wanna eat shredded clams?
You think?
I think they're secretly happy about it.
PANT PANT


Leave me alone.
DING
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コ
ン
DING
DONG
DONG
コ
ン
TAP
TAP
TAP
Hi.
Are you in a hurry?
No.
I have to talk to you about the team.
Oh.
Ozono.


Shredded Clam Vision
Oh, really?
If you have time, stay after practice today.
I'll watch you shoot.
Yeah. I haven't been able to work with you lately.
SHREDDED CLAMS
I wonder how it got started.
...
Hmm.
I think it's because of what I told Nagao the other day.
...
Go!
CONFESS YOUR FEELINGS!
It's getting worse, isn't it?
Aha ha.
I guess it's popular these days, but why do the girls like to start rumors when two guys are together?


...
And then... Ruin your friend-ship!
Okay.
No, never mind.
...
Later.
It's hard to explain.
You kicked my butt!
What do you mean, confess?
Ow!!
What was that for?
DROP
THUD
あ!!
Gah!
Tsk.
Every-thing you're thinking is leaking out of your mouth!
How did you know?!


KICK
Gah!
Gimme... Back my last week's issue of Jump.
...
Well...
He hasn't explicitly said it.
But I think he doesn't like you and Ozono being close.
Why does he care?


He's wimpy inside just like his body, huh?
Heh.
He's like that sometimes.
Don't talk like that about him.
Sorry. I take that back.
He's been insecure ever since he was a little kid.
Remember, the world's not full of guys like you.
Alright.


CHATTER
わらわら
Good practice.
CHATTER
わらわら
CHATTER
Pray.
CLAP
CLAP


We can buy drinks from the vending machine and drink on the train.
RUSTLE
Sounds good to me.
We're cutting it close for the train. If we miss it, the next one is at 9:02 pm.
Man, I'm drenched.
I wanna drink something cold on the way home.
Alright.
LOCKER ROOM
SLIDE
ガラ
ガラ
Let's call it a night.
From the door.
Like what?
...
Did you hear something?
Duct tape...
On the windows.
You're awfully calm.
For reals?
Is someone outside? I thought everyone went home.
It won't open.
ガタ
RATTLE
Hey.
ガタ
RATTLE
ガタ
RATTLE

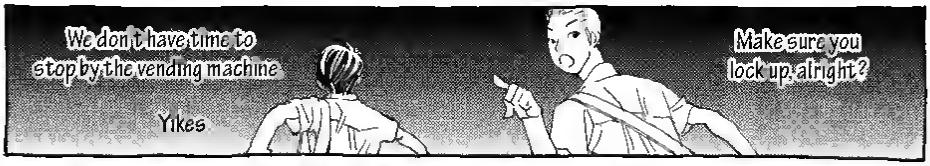

...
Wait a minute...
Really didn't know.
Huh? Nagao is doing this?
THUD
...
Nagao, dammit!
...?
THUMP
This is a perfect opportunity, isn't it?


Hmph.
I hope they get in the mood in there.
And he'll go after him, and their friendship ends.
It's sacrilege to do it in this holy space. I'll do the purification ritual later.
Ah, What are you doing, Toku-shige?
CRASH
CRASH
CRASH
Why not, Ozono?
I've had feelings for you.
H-Hold on a sec, Toku-shige.
What do you mean by that?
It means I like you.
THUD
THUD
Please stop... This is wrong!
CRASH
CRASH
...


CRASH
Toku-shige!
SILENCE
Ozono...
...
Toku-shige...
Ozono...
You know what?
I've had feelings about you, too.
SLIDE
Wait a minute!
W...
SLIDE

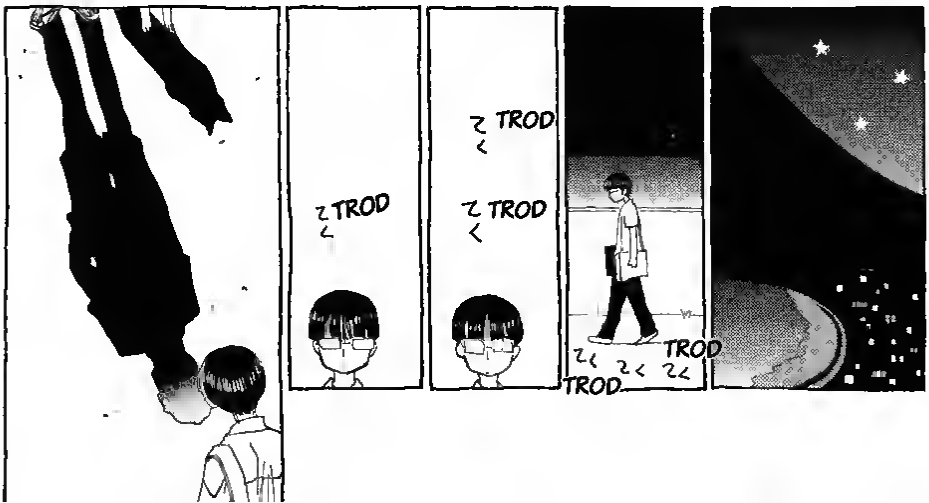

Wha ...?!
What were ...?!
Were you doing it?!
Or not?
Whew, we can finally get out.
Whoa, it's 8:05. We gotta run.
I thought you'd open up if we did this.
Nagao.
You know what?


If you want to be friends with me, why don't you just say so?
You're hard to figure out.


We don't have time to stop by the vending machine
Yikes
Make sure you lock up, alright?

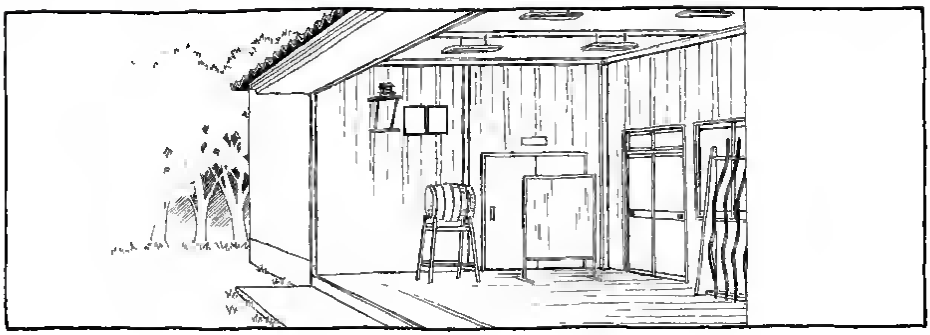

Stop it.
I was feeling it. Wanna date?
No, not really.
You were kinda into it, weren't you?




TROD
TROD
TROD
TROD
TROD


Even if I think we're friends ...
I can't imagine they want to be my friends.
Yeah.
You know what?
I'm not very good ...
...at this stuff.
Yeah.
You're home late.
PAN-T
You have me, though.


...
I wonder if I was in love?
I don't think so.




You're on a roll, Nagao.
Your lines are clean today.
THWAP
CLINK
TROD
TROD
TROD
TROD
TROD


What's with him?
Is he upset about the other day?
Oh?
Oh well.
Oomph.
RUSTLE
...?
Entire Book Filled with Mega Boobs!
BOOBSUPER
DOUBLE BEAUTY
PURIRIN MATSUKAWA
POYON YAMADA
PYO-N SATO
BONUS BOOBY
DOUBLE ISSUE
GIVEAWAY
Mr.Okoda! Captain brought pervy books!
It's not what ...
No!
BOOB
This isn't mine!
Nagao! I'm gonna get you!
EEEK
You're gonna get it.
It's love.
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END

Tomokazu's Savory Snack Factory




Chapter 4
Dammit.
How does she do it?


What does she eat to look like that?
(Lady) Shiho Shimo-douzono.
She smells good, dammit. Pisses me off.
What-ever the case...
The girls are being too noisy. Practice started. No more chit chat.
So...
Why don't you tell them, Kenichi?
You go, Tomokazu.
GRIP


GHITTER-CHATTER
ぺちゃくちゃぺちゃくちゃ
Can you tell the girls to keep it down?
STOMP
どすどす
STOMP
You go
Um, no.
No way.
Oh.
What a great captain.
Hey! Practice already started!
Oh, Tokushige.
Hey...
Shimodouzono.
Don't touch my nipples!
You're not the man. Your heart's racing.
Oops, we got in trouble.
Hehe
TURN
Good looking guys are so different.
You're the man!
BLUSH


Can I talk to you?
Yes?
What is it?
I don't want to nag about the girls' locker room...
But that corner.
It's bothering me because it's always dusty.
Oh, right.
NAG
ねち
It looks disorderly.
And toss out the trash every day.
...
Okay.
Plus...
And then...
What is it about Kengo Horiguchi?
How can he talk to (Lady) Shimodouzono so frankly?


ねちNAG
ねちNAG
We need to request a new one.
CLINK
CLANK
Plus the broom is no good anymore.
Did they go to the same junior high?
MUMBLE
Nope.
MUMBLE
STAND
Has the mop been cleaned?
The floor is dirty.
Oh.
Alright.
We warned the girls, so you guys better get moving too.
We don't have all the time in the world for team practice.

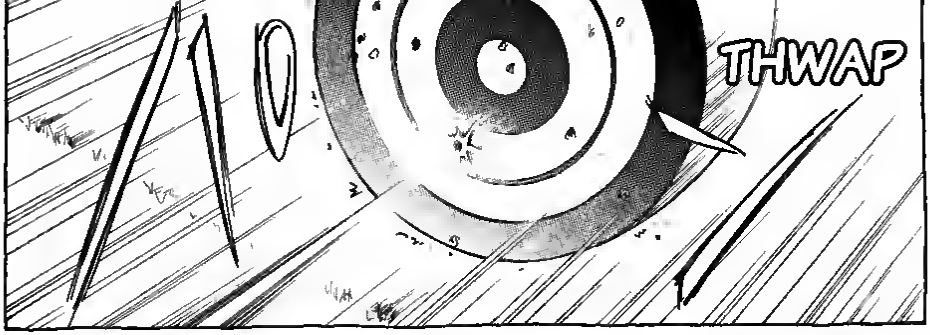

He was making the sophomores wash out the mops.
What's what you call them, right?
Is "geezer" an old man?
Or "hag" an old man?
Does this smell?
Little old hag.
Maybe in the summer, but not during winter.
You gotta be kidding.
He'd prefer if we wiped the floors with rags.
ガラッ
SLIDE
"Little old hag!"
Then what happens to "little old hag"?
You call both men and women "geezer"?!
Here
According to the dictionary, yes.
Little things bother him.
I bet Horiguchi will do it by himself.
He really loves archery.

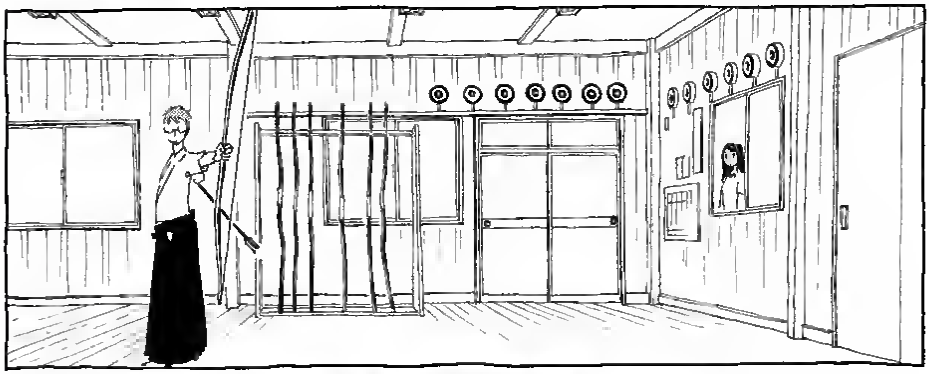

SHWIP
ちゃっ
ちゃっ SHWIP
SST
さっ
さっ SST
See you later.
ちゃー DASH
That's a partridge.
Isn't there a bird called hag?
----はー SIGH
Tamura.
Takei.
Harada.

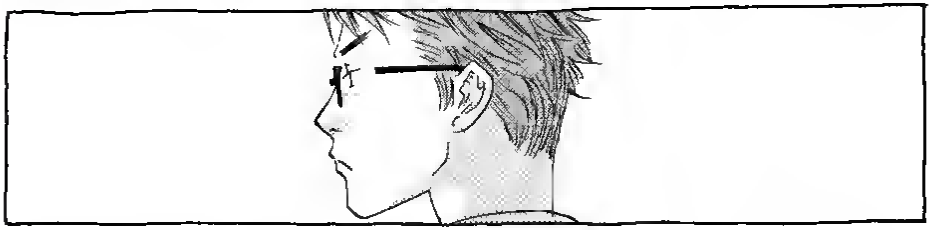

Aw! I missed it! Dammit!
Teacher said we have to write it in kanji.
Horiguchi.
PSSHH
PSSHH
FLICK
SLAM
SLASH
I gotta go.
MEN

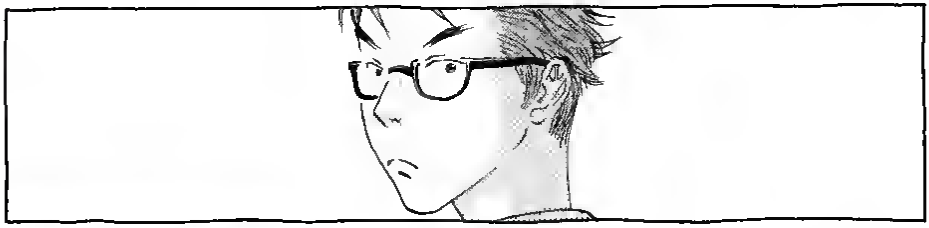

PUT BACK AFTER READING.
SHE WOULD NEVER GO OUT WITH ME.
SO THERE'S NO POINT GETTING NERVOUS AROUND HER.
うっとり...
DREAMY
DREAMY
MONTHLY ARCHERY DIGEST
Look at how beautiful his release is...
Shizuoka Prefecture Special Teacher, Noma, Rank 5.
CLICK
カタ...
CLANK

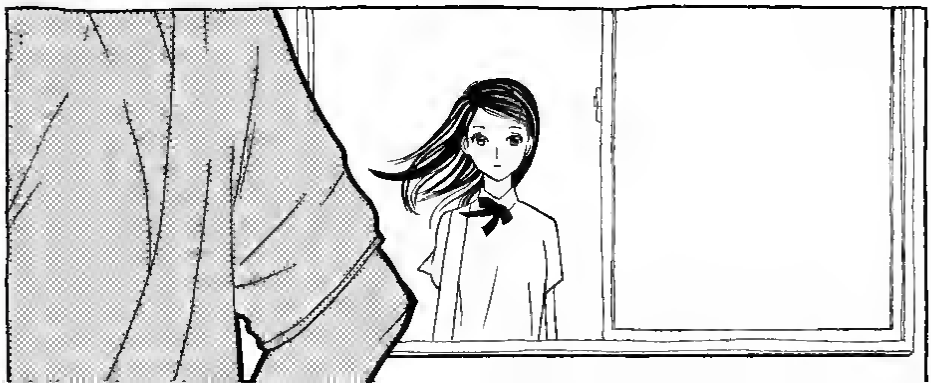

SWIIISH
ヒュオ
オオ

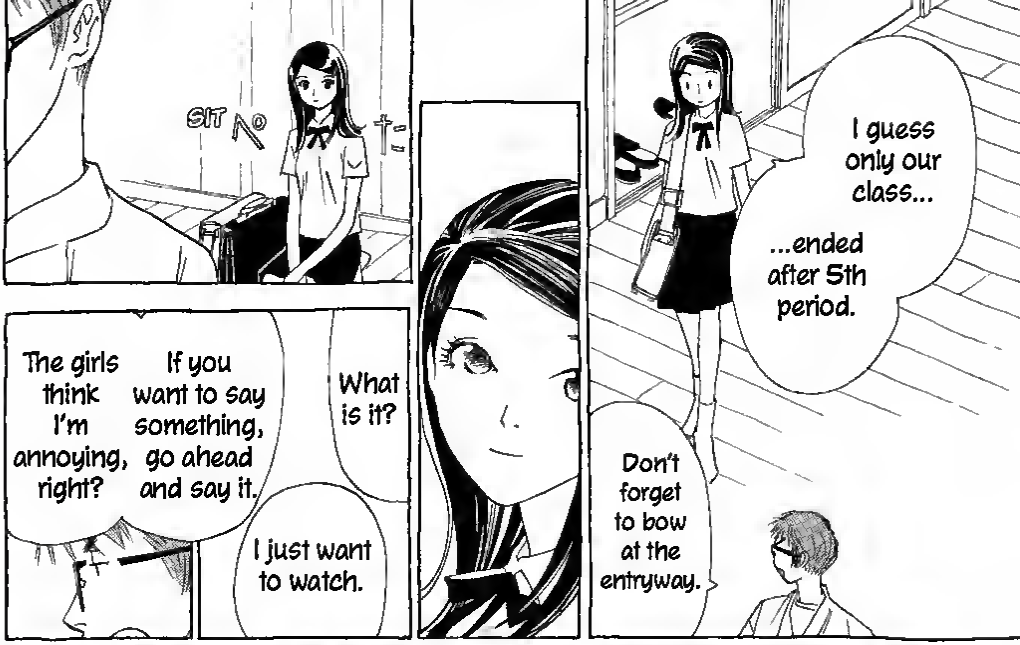

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THWAP

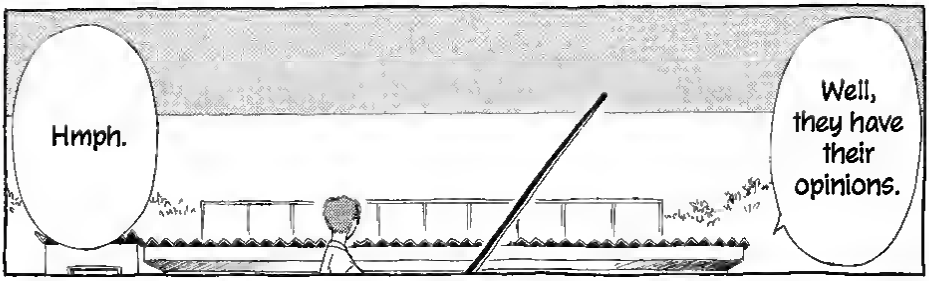


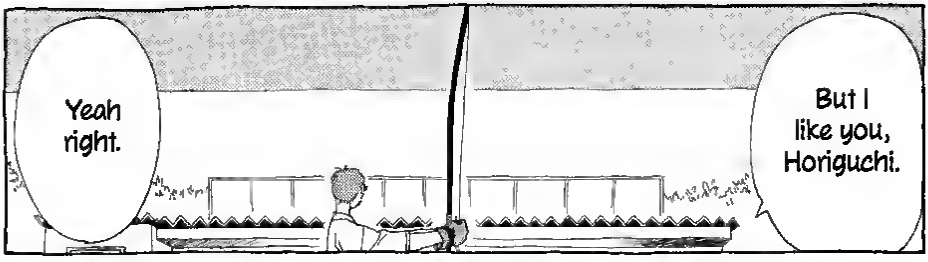


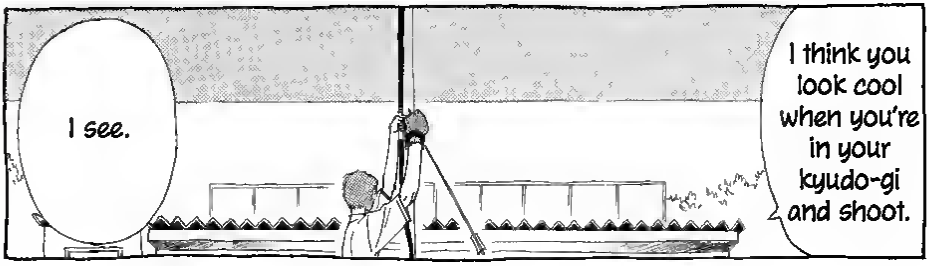





SIT
I guess only our class...
...ended after 5th period.
Don't forget to bow at the entryway.
What is it?
If you want to say something, go ahead and say it.
The girls think I'm annoying, right?
I just want to watch.


Hmph.
Well, they have their opinions.

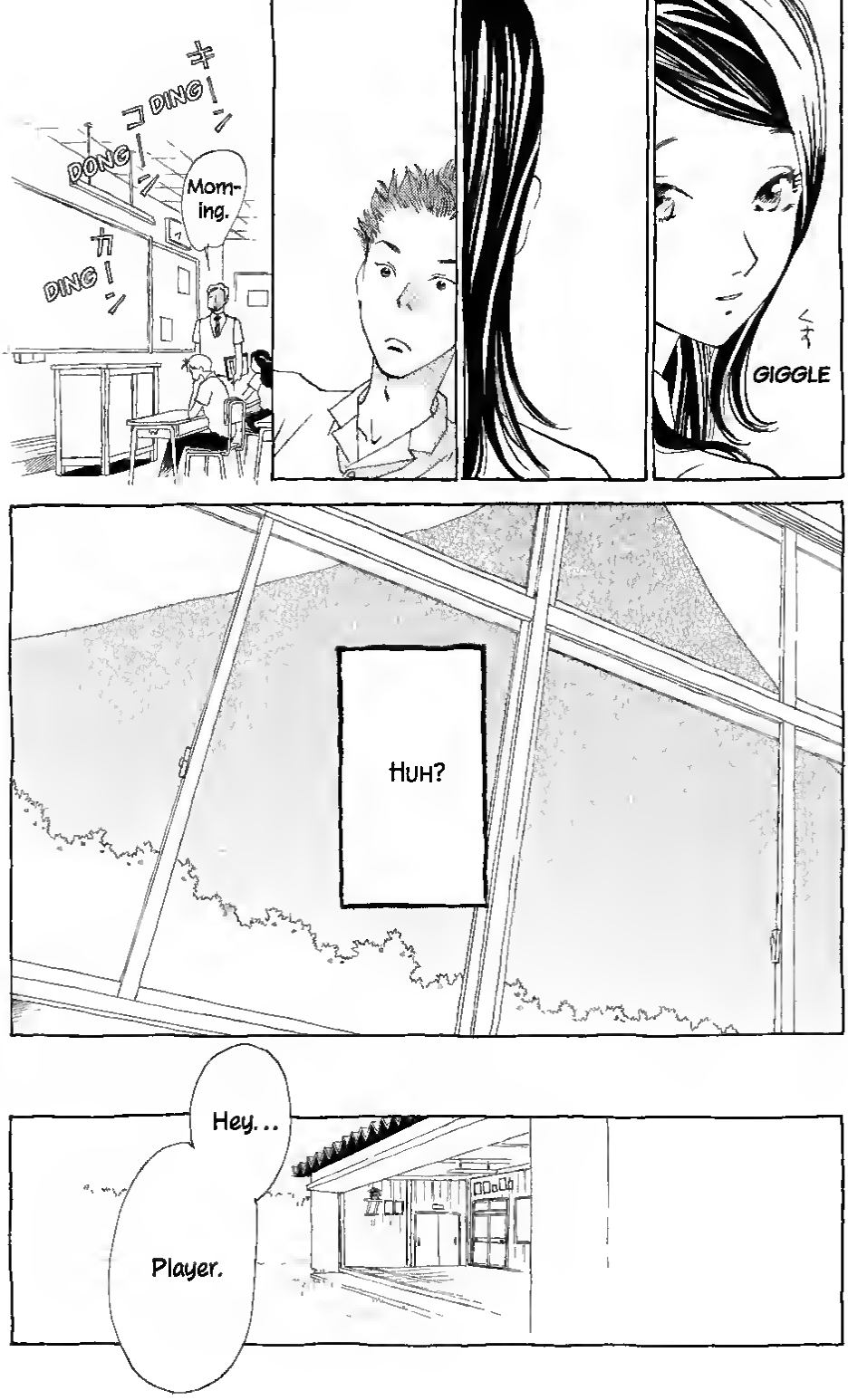

Yeah right.
But I like you, Horiguchi.


I see.
I think you look cool when you're in your kyudo-gi and shoot.


I should go change.
Huh?
バキ
SNAP
He just swiped his face, right?
Is he alright?
Hey.
WOBBLE ヨロ
ヨロレ WOBBLE
ゴン THUD
...
Hey.
Did you swipe your face, Horiguchi? How lame.
What are you, a novice?


NEXT DAY.
Horiguchi.
Is skipping practice today.
Is he shocked that he swiped his face yesterday?
RATTLE
No way. He's never missed practice before. Is he sick?
He'll take the weekend off and come back Monday.
STAB
ACK!
I never thought he'd skip practice.
AND MONDAY...
Yeah. From the hallway.
GATHER
GATHER
Hey.
Doesn't it smell like perfume?
YEAR 2 CLASS 2
ぷ～ん
SCENT
Hm?
わお
BUZZ
わお
CHATTER
ガラ
SLIDE
ソロリ
GATHER


Bedhead hair wax.
Huh?
Did we have anyone like that in our class?
Can it be...?
Wait.
BOOM
BOOM
OneDay Acuvue contacts.
Orange Range MP3.
Glossy lips.
His brother's Gatsby cologne.
Entire class' thoughts
Horiguchi?!
Pants on hip.
I didn't know he looked like that!
No way. He's kinda cute!
THUD
GLANCE


DING
DONG
DING
Morn-
ing.
GIGGLE
HUH?
Hey...
Player.


That's my bow.
Oh, sorry.
GRAB
ガチャ
I said that's my bow.
Oh, sorry.
Get rid of that smell, too!
This is a dojo.
じだじだ
SPLASH
だぼぼぼ
GLOB


Hmm.
Yeah, you look cool.
By the way... Do you like me in my kyudo-gi, Shimodouzono?
SPLASH
What about me in other clothes?
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
TRAINING
Your hakama is all wet.
LAUGH
So-so!
PANT
PANT
Isn't it something like that? Here, drink this hot cocoa!
Is "or something" the right way to go?
M-SHOP
PSSHT
Get your blood sugar level up or something.
Drink more.


Tokushige, you're too blunt.
You put me in a bad position.
Hmph.
...
Hmm, I can't believe it.
Lady Shimo-dou-zono, huh?
MUNCH
MUNCH
MUNCH
What are you doing?
You didn't eat for three days?
Are you dieting?
Idiot. It's something related to love.
Aah
確認心
CONFIRM
No. "She likes me."
Are you sure it's not "Hori-guchi likes her"?
I'd prefer it if it wasn't true!
Nooooo waaaay!
She said...
She likes me in my kyudo-gi.
Huh? Why?

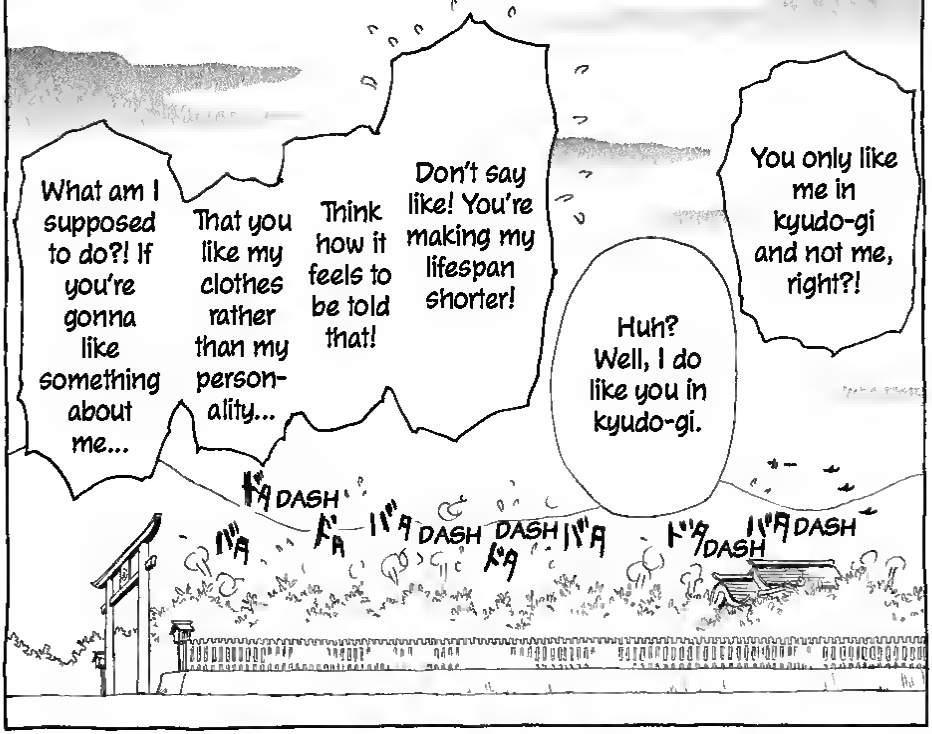

...
Oh, I get it.
She doesn't care about you yourself.
STAB
ぼすっ
ぼすっ
ぼすっ
STAB
...
HAHAHA
はっはっはっ
I see.
So she must have thought he was unusual!
Plus, most guys won't go up and talk to her like that.
WHIRR
WIPE
WIPE
WHIRR
SLAM
I'm going home!
THUMP
Fine, laugh all you want!
You don't understand how it feels to be told who you are doesn't matter!


Yeah.
No, dried scallops. Try one.
What is that? A cork?
MUNCH
Well...
He's a good guy, though.
HMM.
HMM.
His true self, huh?
はっ HUFF
ほっ PUFF
PUFF ほっ HUFF はっ
MY TRUE SELF.
What?! The next train is tomorrow?!
SUPER BOONDOCKS
DOINAKA
LESS BOONDOCKS KOINAKA
MORE BOONDOCKS O-INAKA
I already know that.
You catch colds easily.
You have an older brother, correct?


WHAT...
WARM BATH
RETURN TO YOUR TRUE SELF
150 YEN
FLOAT
FLOAT
What are you doing?
Hurry up and get out.
GLOB
GLOB
GLOB
Return ...
...to my true self.
DOES IT MEAN ...?
DING
DONG
DING
Are you going home...
Horiguchi?


ABOUT YOU...
してるよ
Why aren't you coming to practice?
Everyone is worried about you.
-Echoing-
Oh.
Hori-guchi, wait!
RELIABLE CLEANERS
Why do you run?
Cuz you're following me!


Oh.
すー
JUMP
ぱっ
It's the shrine.
DASH DASH DASH
たったったっ
Whoa!
Wait.
FAST
Ack. She's gonna catch me.
She's fast!
She ran around
C'mon.
Hori-guchi.
CLAP
ぱん
ぱん CLAP
What?
Pray!
ぱん CLAP
ぱん CLAP


What am I supposed to do?! If you're gonna like something about me...
That you like my clothes rather than my personality...
Think how it feels to be told that!
Don't say like! You're making my lifespan shorter!
Huh? Well, I do like you in kyudo-gi.
You only like me in kyudo-gi and not me, right?!
DASH
DASH
DASH
DASH
DASH

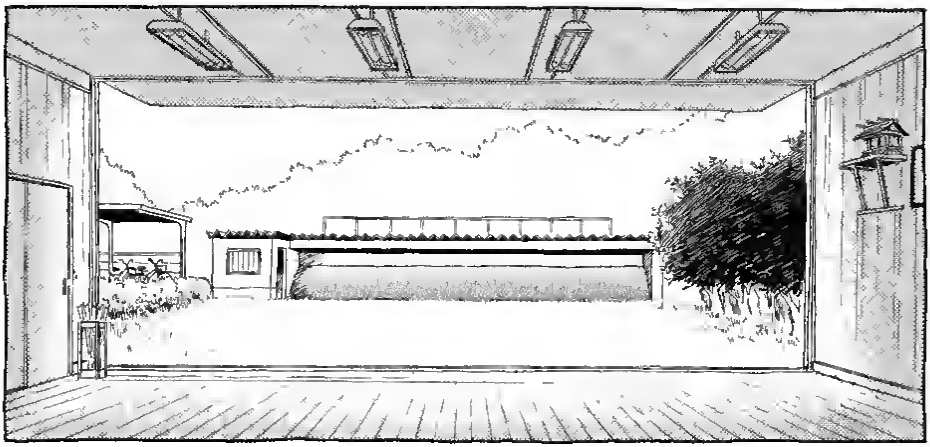


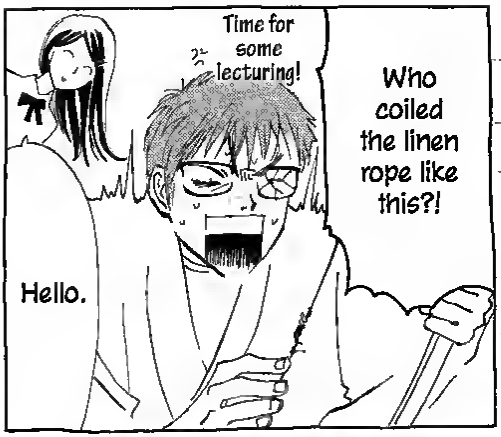

I want you to like my true self.
...
What is...
...your true self?
...

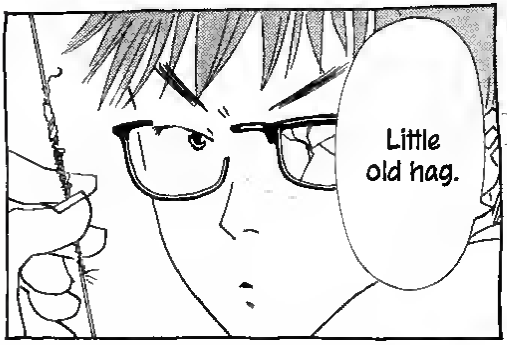

それがわかれば苦労はしない
IF I KNEW THAT, I WOULDN'T BE SO CONFUSED!
ごごご


ゴロゴロ... ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
ガラガラ CRUMBLE
WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?
THE MORE I THINK, THE MORE I GET CONFUSED.
No.
I NEED TO CLEAR MY MIND.
ガラガラ CRUMBLE
PEAK
ゴッ CRACK



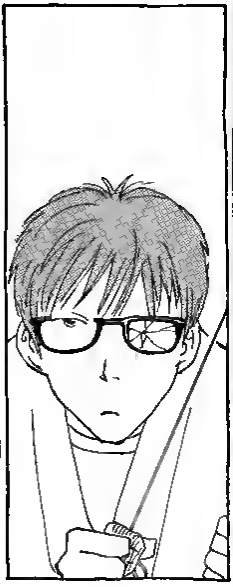


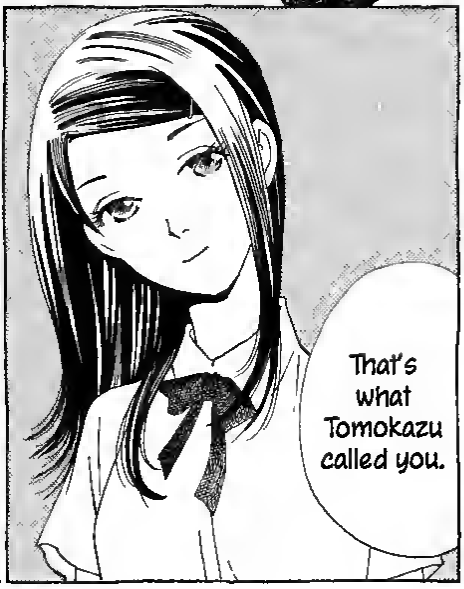

Time for some lecturing!
Who coiled the linen rope like this?!
Hello.


Little old hag.

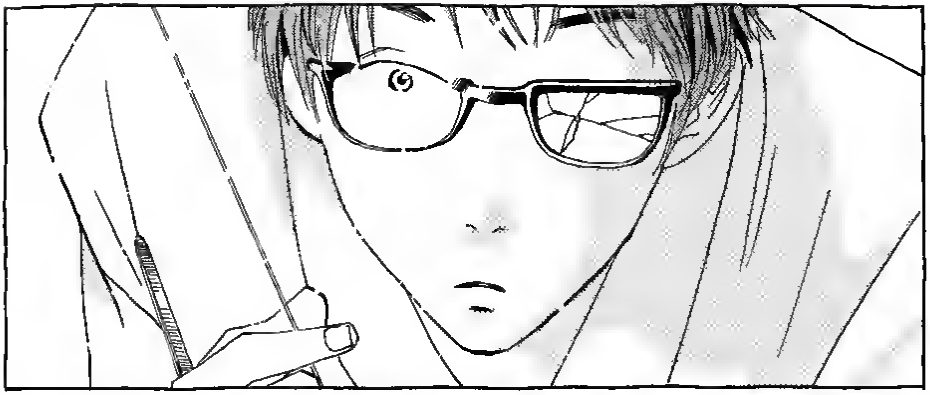

NAG
ねち
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ねち
Team equipment belongs to everybody, but no one takes care of them.
Sheesh.
ブツ
ねち NAG
ブツ MUMBLE
MUMBLE
ブツ

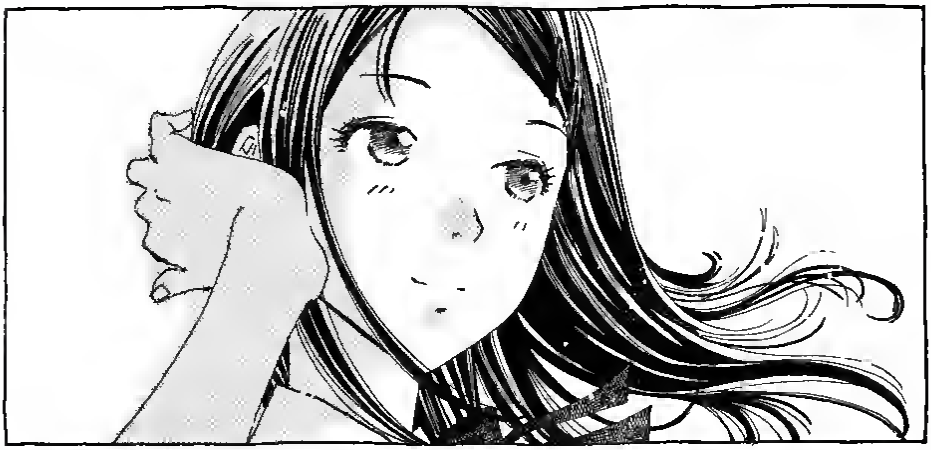

SQUEAK
キシ



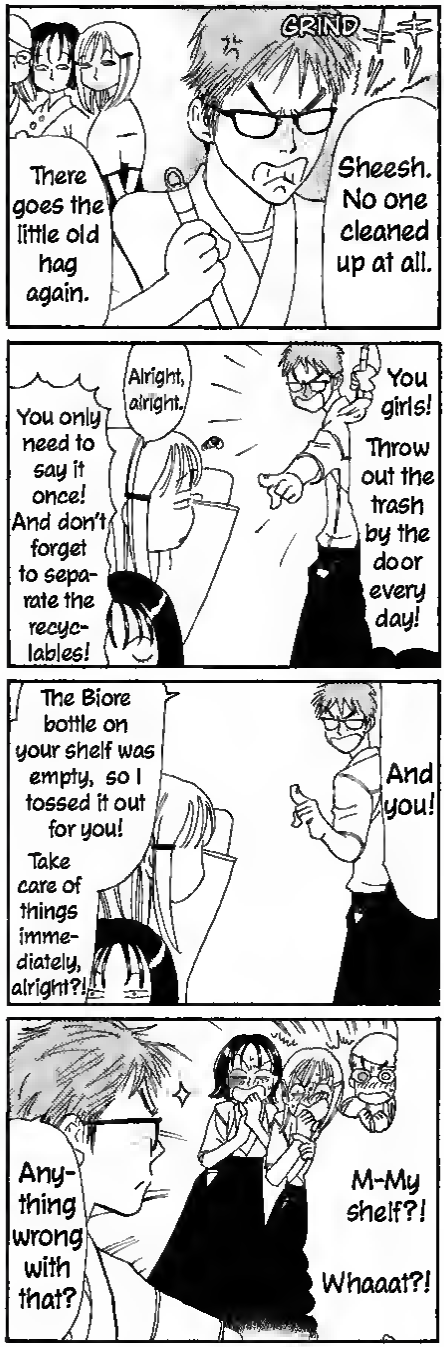

That's what Tomokazu called you.


I only have confidence when I'm doing archery.
I'm a nagging little old hag.
I'm not good at anything else.
This...
...is how I am.
Just a boring archery nut.
That's why I think you're cool.






I told you so right from the start.
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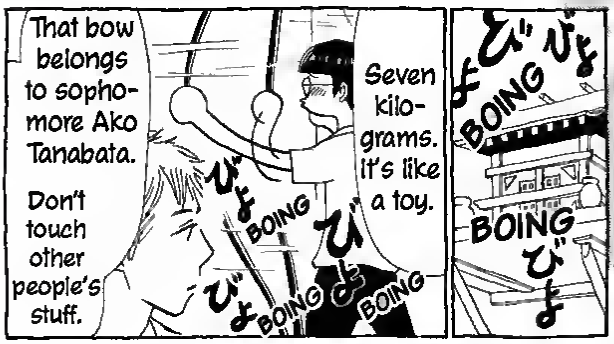

GRIND
There goes the little old hag again.
Sheesh. No one cleaned up at all.
Alright, alright.
You only need to say it once! And don't forget to separate the recyclables!
You girls! Throw out the trash by the door every day!
The Biore bottle on your shelf was empty, so I tossed it out for you!
Take care of things immediately, alright?!
And you!
Anything wrong with that?
M-My shelf?!
Whaaat?!

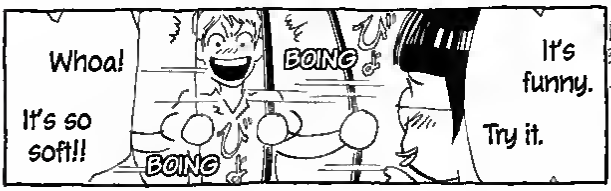

UM.
THIS IS A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.
♫ ピンポンDING パDONG ポンDING ポーンDONG ♫
THE TRI-CITY SOCCER TOURNAMENT WAS HELD...
...AT THE CIVIC SPORTS ARENA TODAY.
THE SECOND SHOT MADE BY MAKOTO YAGI OF YEAR 2, CLASS 4 ...
...SEALED THE WIN FOR OUR SCHOOL.
Chapter 5


Tomo-kazu, get out of my way.
SQUISH
Over there! In front of the science lecture hall.
Did Yagi come back already?
OOMPH
Where is he?
You guys suck!
It's your fault for being there.
I wanna go.
Let's go look.
Who the heck is Yagi?!
Over there.
He's participating in a lot of different teams.

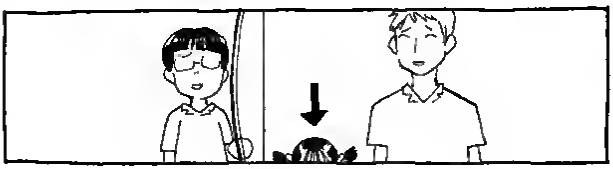

When he was a sophomore...
...he went from handball to baseball to swimming to tennis.
He gets good results on all of the teams.
And now he's in the soccer team?
What is he, an Olympian?
Let's go to the dojo.
That way!
Ow, my butt is burning.
SWOOSH
If you say things like that, no wonder you're not popular with the girls Tomokazu.
Kenichi.
What's the likelihood that the end of the world is today?
And he's the only one who'll fall into a crack in the Earth?
None. Let's go to the dojo.
もぇなぃだ!
SPIN
AWW, REALLY?!
But I'm bored of soccer, so I'm thinking of turning them down.
えっ
WOW
THUMP
That's amazing!
I've been scouted by the local J2 team.

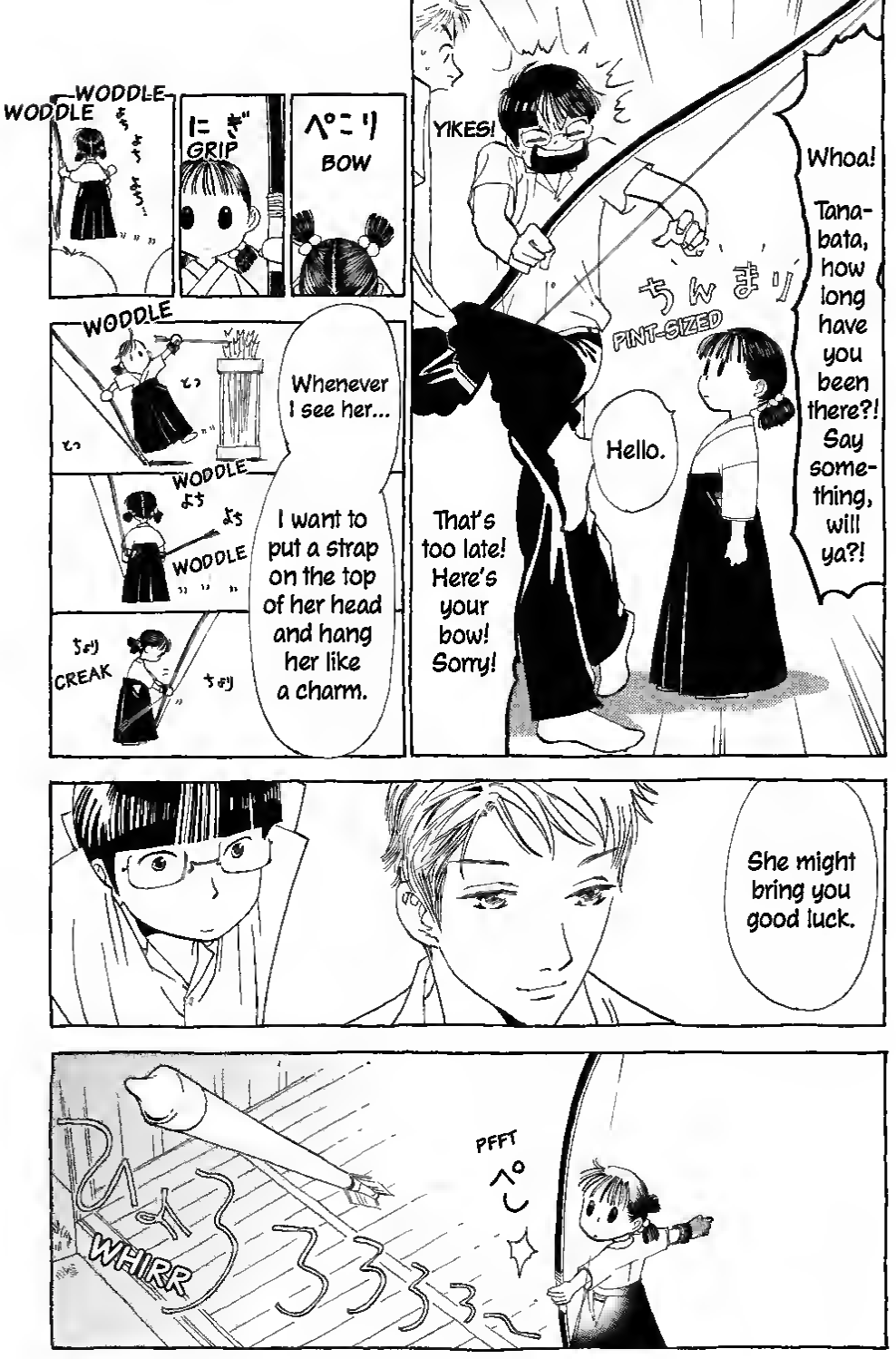

What team he's gonna go to next.
I wonder.


That bow belongs to sophomore Ako Tanabata.
Don't touch other people's stuff.
BOING
Seven kilograms. It's like a toy.
BOING


Whoa!
It's so soft!!
BOING
It's funny.
Try it.

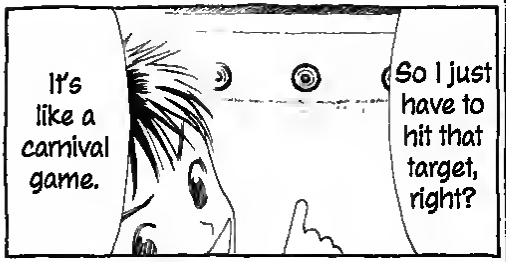

This bow can't...
This bow can't do much...

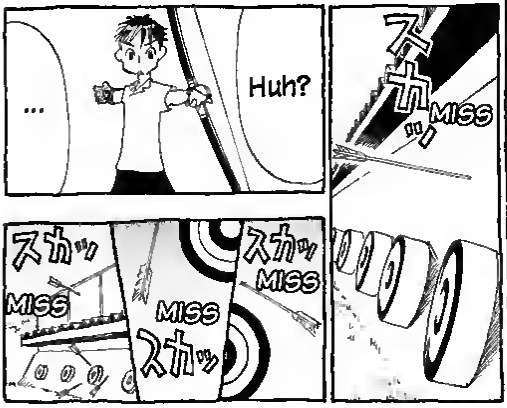



WODDLE
WODDLE
にぎ
GRIP
ペこり
BOW
WODDLE
WODDLE
WODDLE
Whenever I see her...
I want to put a strap on the top of her head and hang her like a charm.
CREAK
YIKES!
ちんまり
PINT-SIZED
Whoa! Tanabata, how long have you been there?! Say something, will ya?!
Hello.
That's too late! Here's your bow! Sorry!
She might bring you good luck.
WHIRR
PFFT
ペし

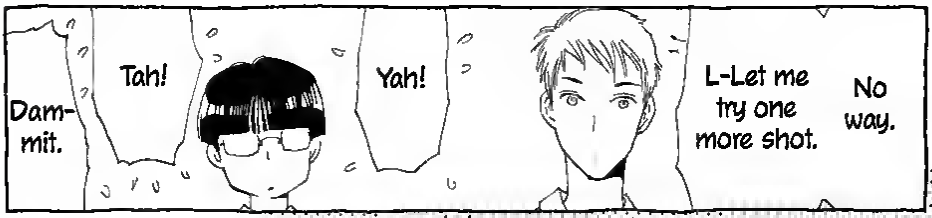

ぼす
THUMP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
I challenge you!
SLIDE
THUMP
Some-one's coming!
Urm.
A luke-warm wind.
WHIRR
Hm?
THUMP

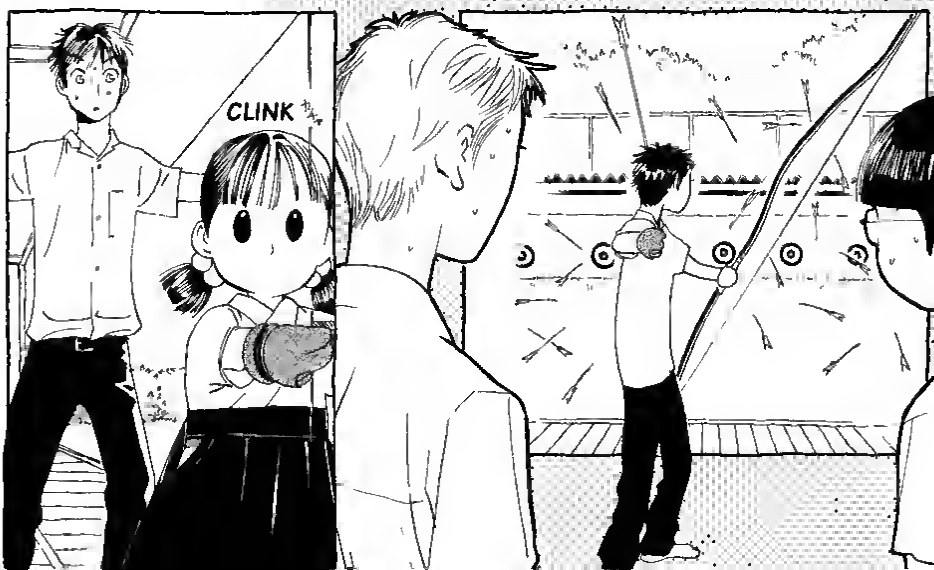

I challenge ...!
WHOOSH
SLAM
And you're too loud.
Take your shoes off. Common sense.
This is a dojo. You bow to the shrine when you enter.
Bow.
Huh?
APPLICATION FORM
So I filled out the team application form.
What? Is this a cult or something?
I'm the assistant captain, but the captain would say the same thing.
I came to join the team. Get your captain here.
Yagi.
You're distracting everyone in the dojo, so can you step out?
Shrine? What's that?
Where's the captain? Tell him Yagi is here.


It's like a carnival game.
So I just have to hit that target, right?


...
Huh?
スカッ
MISS
スカッ
MISS
MISS
スカッ
MISS


Hey.
Whatever. You guys are a weak team anyway.
Don't.
Stop it.
Is this a grade schooler? You're in my way.


Dam-mit.
Tah!
Yah!
L-Let me try one more shot.
No way.


CLINK


ひょろろ
WHIRR
PFFT
ぺし
ぽす
THUMP
ぺし PFFT
ひょろろ〜
WHIRR
ぽす
THUMP
ぺし PFFT
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WHIRR
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WHIRR
ぽす
THUMP
ず
ZOOM
ず
ず
Enough...
Yagi.
No, that was great.
L-Let me do it again. It's not right!
Wh-What was that?!
What-ever. There's some-thing wrong there.
CLAP
CLAP
What?!


I'd like you to leave.
CERTIFIED INSTRUCT
師範代
TA-DAH
Thanks for playing along... Were you watching all this time?
CAPTAIN
部長
Yeah, I wanted to come in at the right time
Wait, there's something wrong.
There's no way a kid like that could do it and I can't.
I'm joining! Here's the application! Take it!
APPLICATION FORM
Is that...
Any way to make a request?
...
P-
Please.
There, you got it.
This is a team sport.
I'll accept this application and you will be a provisionary team member.


SLOSH
ジャー…
ジャブ…ジャブ…
ジャー
Dammit, no one's treated me like this before.
There aren't any sports I can't do.
I'm always the best at anything I do.
There must be a trick to archery. As soon as I figure it out...
When I do, I'll stomp on all of them losers.
SLOSH
ジャー
ジャブ
ジャブ
ジャー
Yet.
You're going too far.
ALL-YOU-CAN-SHOOT
射放題
ふおっ ふおっ ふおっ ふおっ
FU WA HA HA
Come if you want to come.
Dammit!
FUHAHA
どすどす
STOMP
STOMP
どすどす
STOMP

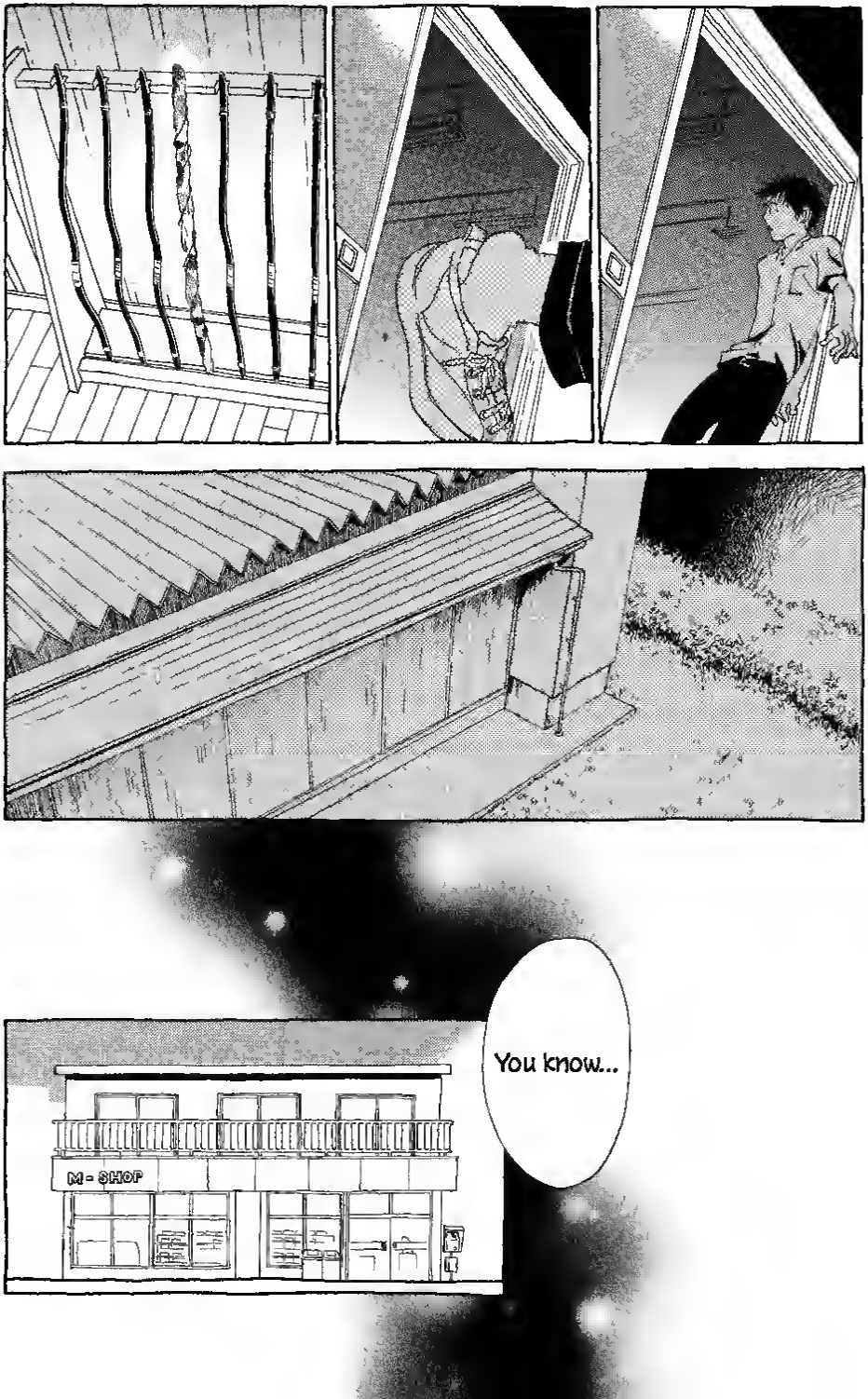

Squeeze tight.
SPLASH
Why am I wringing rags?!
I told you. It's the position of your wrists when you pull the bow apart.
Everyone does this when they start.
Who cares?! I got it already!
Alright. Then wipe the locker room with that rag.
I don't want to do those things! Let me shoot!
Let's see. At this rate...
Maybe in a year or two.
HE HE HE HE
You're jealous of me, aren't you?!
After you clean up, continue wringing rags, alright?
Do a good job.
I don't want to do this crap!
SHAKE
SHAKE
You're doing this on purpose!
Not at all.


Tomokazu isn't hazing you or anything.
All novices start with this.
What does cleaning have to do with any of this?!
Because it's necessary for you, Yagi.
What?
What do you mean, eh?
Well, good luck.


SHRINES AND BOWING AND CLEANING.
WHAT'S WITH ARCHERY?!
IF I COMPETED AT A TOURNAMENT ...
THERE ARE WINS AND LOSSES IN ARCHERY, RIGHT?
THEY SHOULD LET THE BEST ATHLETES SHOOT ARROWS.
I'm not doing this anymore. ...
CLANG
Hahahaha. Good luck.
はは はは まあ がんばり たまえよ
What are you doing, Yagi?
ROLL
ROLL
At a tournament
Oh gosh, they're making you clean?
Hey, I heard you can't even beat a sophomore girl.
I guess archery is more difficult than it looks, huh?

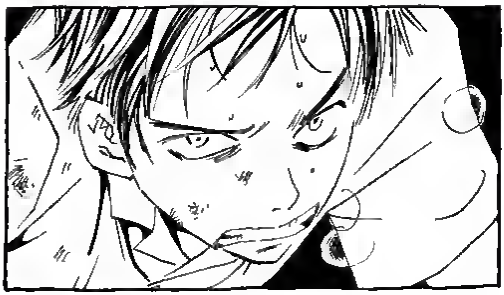

ガチャ
CLICK
おつかれー
BYE
バイバーイ
GOOD PRACTICE.
CREAK


MISS
コト…
CLANK
...
HUFF
PUFF
...
SWING
じ——…
STARE
TUG
...?
There...
Must be a trick.
CRACK


M-SHOP
You know...

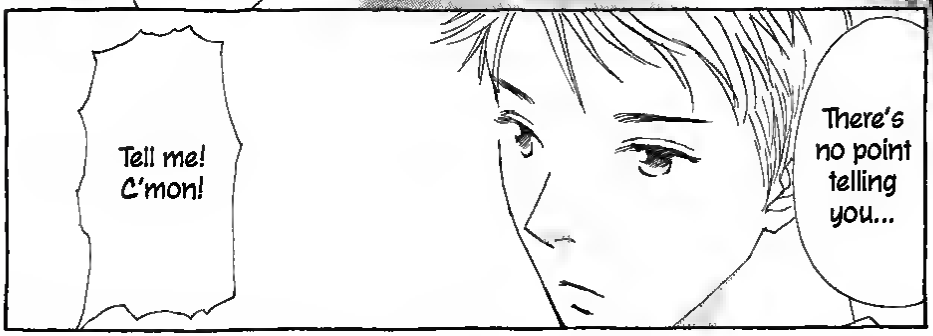

DING
DONG
Hello.
Yagi didn't show up today.
He he he he.
Maybe he gave up. His streak is broken.
Oh yeah.
Isn't that sweet? Gimme some!
No.
POTATO CHIPS
I'm...
Not gonna join the team.
If I can't do it...
It means the sport isn't right for me.
Now that I think about it, I don't have a reason to join a loser team like this. Gimme back my application.


Ow!
TRIP
Like you're better than me, Nagao.
You're runn-ing away?
Damn you...!
PUSH
PUSH
SLAP



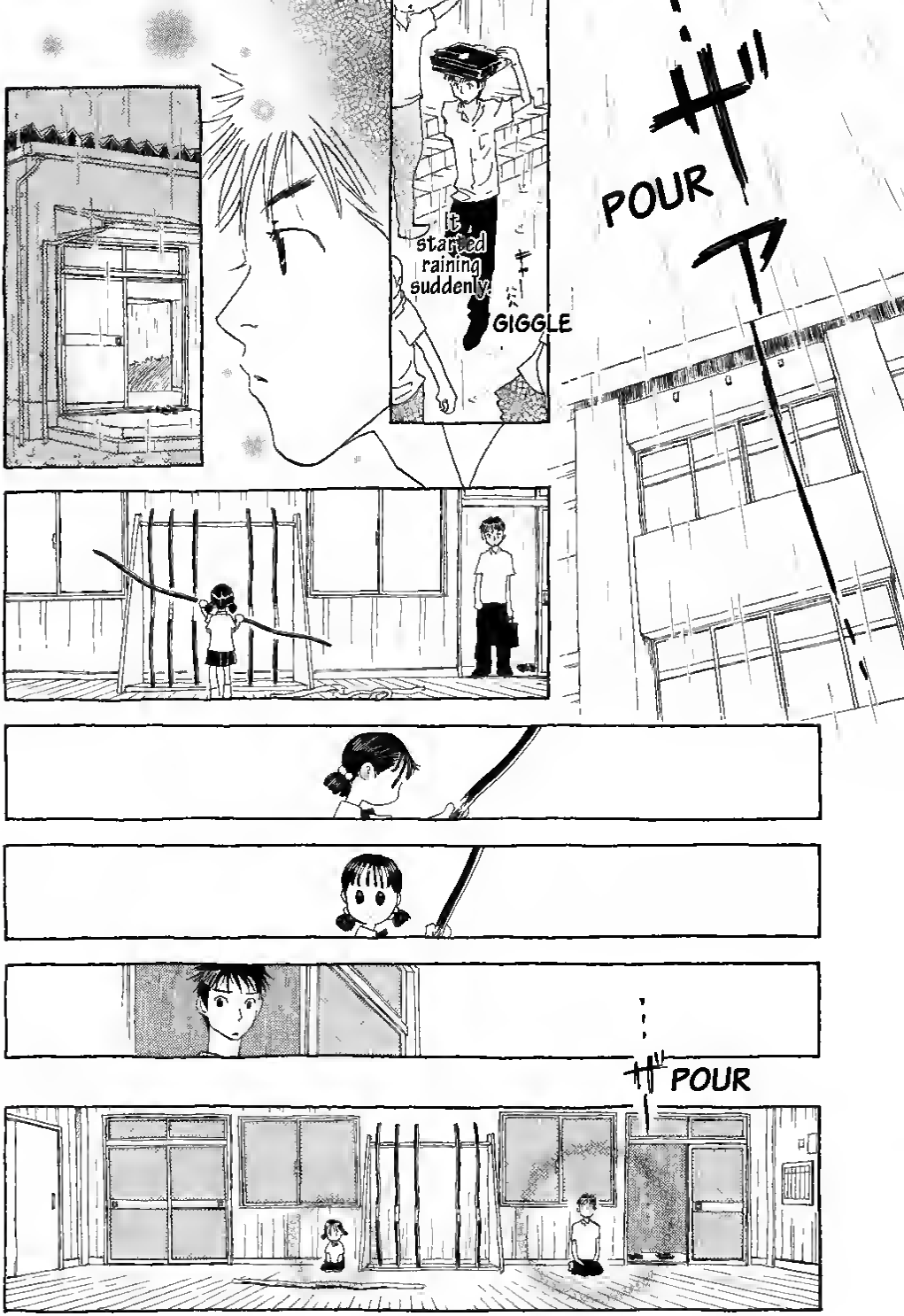

Sasa-
hara!
Tell me one thing.
How does that sopho-more kid hit the target so easily?!
Thanks.


I hate to say it to a fellow junior...
But you're full of it.


There's no point telling you...
Tell me! C'mon!



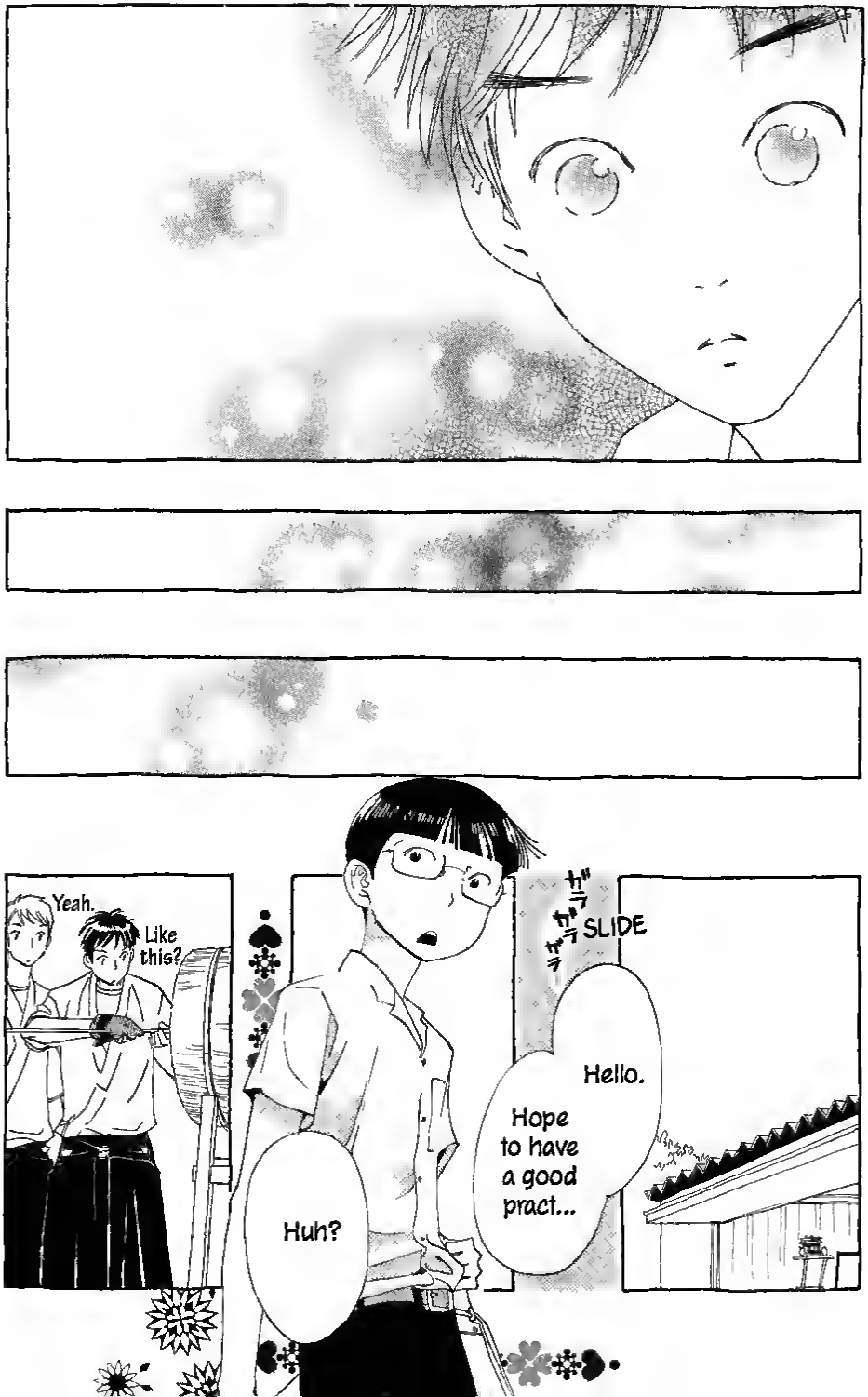

Tanabata shoots just as she's taught.
Don't you guys do the same thing?
...
What do you mean?
And I don't think Tanabata is trying to hit the target.
The word archery is made of "bow" and "path."
I think the answer lies somewhere in there.
That's what we try to do.
But it's hard to do it.
POUR


It started raining suddenly.
GIGGLE
POUR
POUR


Sorry.
I thought.
There was some trick to it.
I'm the one...
Who broke your bow.
No.
That's not true.
I didn't think there was a trick.
I just didn't want to believe it.


I didn't want to admit...
There is something I can't do.
ポタ
DRIP
ポタ
DRIP
しとしと
DAMP


DRIP
Just now...
"The leaf didn't want to make the dew fall.
And the dew didn't want to fall.
There is an 'opportune time' to fall.
That's what...
That is all."
...our coach, Mr.Okoda taught us.


Yeah.
Like this?
ガラガラガラ SLIDE
Hello.
Hope to have a good pract...
Huh?

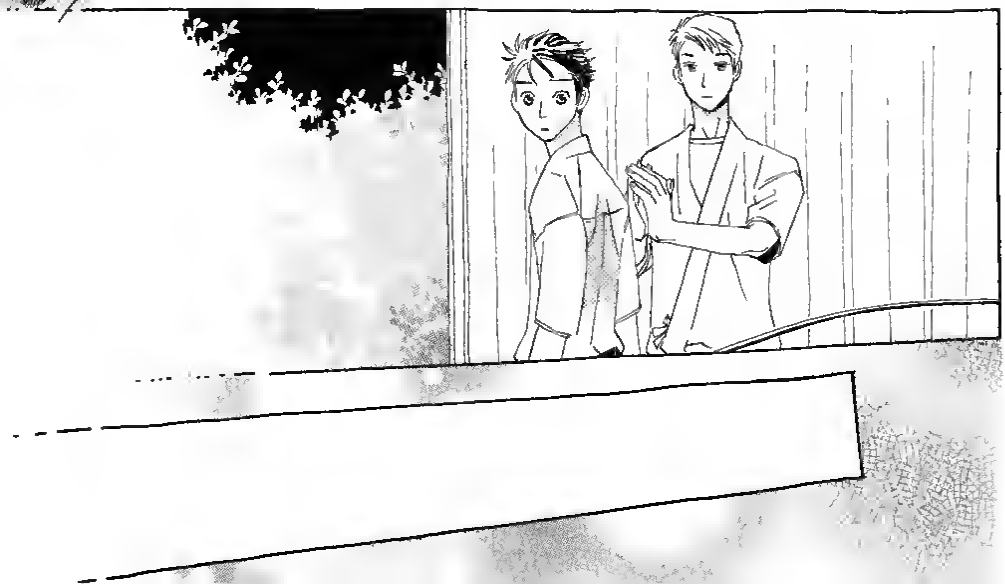

He should pick on him so he won't come back.
Stop kidding around.
I thought he wasn't going to join.
Yeah, so the captain hasn't accepted his application yet.
I mean it.
I see. You're horrible.


You have good endurance, Yagi.
Honestly, I didn't think archery would be so tiring.
It's probably because you're still tense.
Tanabata's grip strength is only a 6.
So strength doesn't matter?
Yagi.
Yeah?
Why don't you stand in front of the target?
Huh?
You want to, don't you?
I don't think I'm ready yet.
No.


If you understand that, that's good enough.
No one is here, so shoot one arrow. I'll allow it.
CLANK

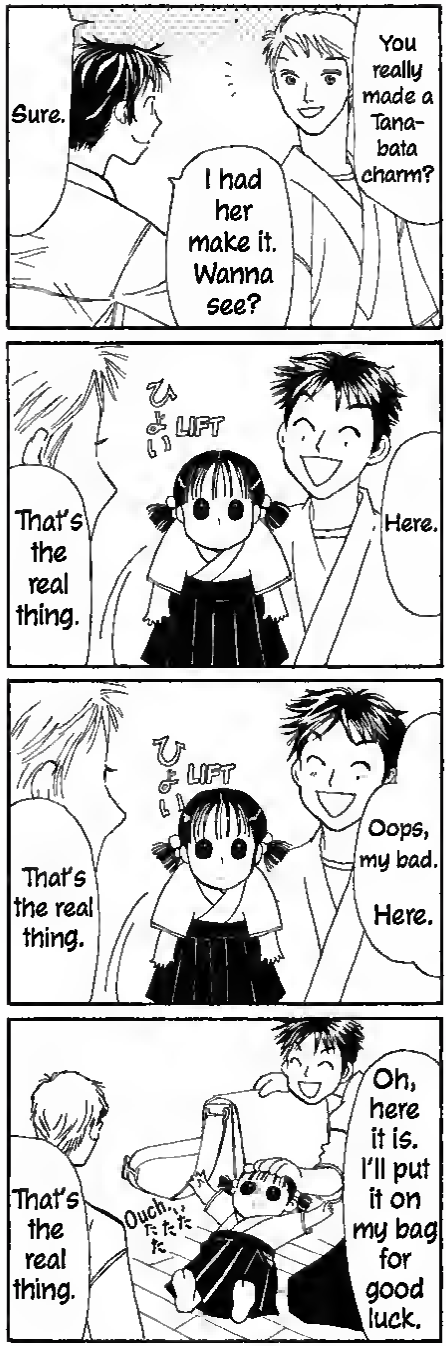

IT DIDN'T MAKE IT FALL.
IT DIDN'T TRY TO FALL.
THWAP


CLAP
CLAP
CLAP

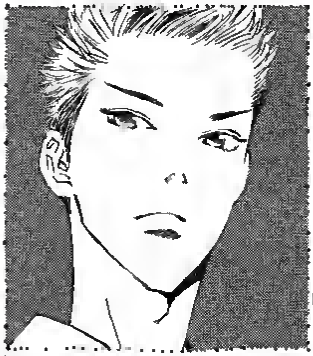



Wait up.
Hey, captain.
...
HE'S SO COOL.
カッコいい
I don't see a problem with it. He's been taking this seriously.
What?
That's not what I mean.
SPARKLE
Are you sure you want to let him join the team?
I'm rooting for him. Good luck! ♡
It's refreshing compared to archery nerds.
He has that star charisma.
Jealousy is ugly.
WODDLE
That's right.
Just in case.
With a little more review.
I should consider the option of rejection.
...
YAGI, GOOD LUCK.
Oh. Thanks. Hahaha. ♡

終
END


You really made a Tana-bata charm?
I had her make it. Wanna see?
Sure.
ひょい LIFT
Here.
That's the real thing.
ひょい LIFT
Oops, my bad.
Here.
That's the real thing.
Oh, here it is. I'll put it on my bag for good luck.
Ouch...
That's the real thing.

Members of the Hirahira High School Archery Team and Friends



徳重喬彬 2nd YR.

TOKUSHIGE TAKAAKIRA

CAPTAIN

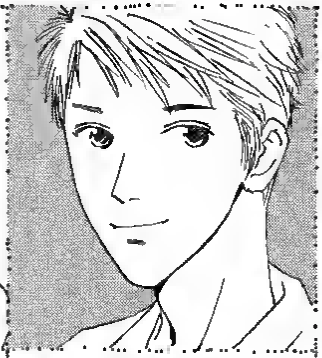
His family is a long line of state politicians.
His mother's side of the family are shrine priests.
There is a two-person archery range in his home.
We will count on him for future state politics.



長尾智和 2nd YR.

NAGAO TOMOKAZU

He grew up napping in the same crib as Kenichi.
His father liked to drink, so he acquired a taste for savory snacks.
Of course he likes salty squid pickle and sashimi.
He also enjoys tea rice porridge afterwards.



笹原健一 2nd YR.

SASAHARA KENICHI

ASSISTANT CAPTAIN

He grew up eating baby food withTomokazu.
He's worried about not getting chicken pox yet at this age.



宝代巧美 2nd YR.

HOUDAI TAKUMI

Fantasy: ESP.
He's been teased about his last name "Houdai" for 16 years.
His self-consciousness ruined his naturally good looks.



堀口堅吾 2nd YR.

HORIGUCHI KENGO

Subscriber of "Monthly Archery Digest."
His dream is to promote archery to the world.
He doesn't care about his freckles.



大薗 裕 1st YR.

OZONO YU

Oldest son of a delivery bento shop owner. He loves bento. Hirahira City orders lunches from his family's store. Their famous side dishes are free-range chicken fried nuggets and baked rolled eggs. He seems happiest when he talks about his family store.



川畑 杏 2nd YR.

KAWABATA ANN

Started archery in high school. She also takes zither and piano lessons. Her dream is to become a loving mother. Likes fruit sandwiches and three-colored bean bread at Izumiya. She also likes baby chicks, dogs and pandas.



永仮あやの 2nd YR.

NAGAKARI AYANO

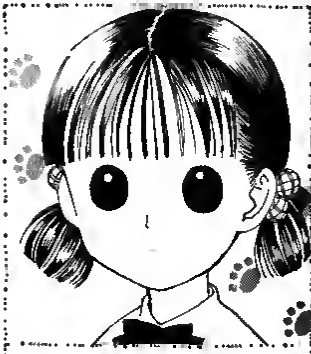
Twin sister. She is often mistaken for her brother, but her relatives say, "She looks like her father."



永仮 周 2nd YR.

NAGAKARI SYU

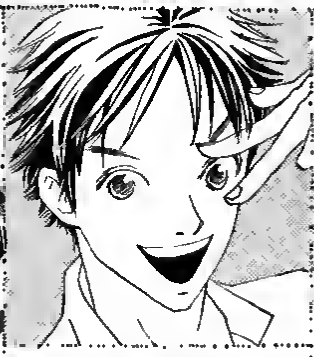
Twin brother. He is often mistaken for his sister, but his relatives say, "He looks like his mother."



七夕亜子 2nd YR.

TANABATA AKO

Started archery in high school. She may seem to have a difficult time, being so small, but someone is always around to help her when she's in need. Everyone fights to help her. Perhaps she's like a pet to them.



八木真琴 2nd YR.

YAGI MAKOTO

Since he isn't very good, he's probably not meant to be in this type of sport. His application hasn't been accepted yet. He needs to work hard to get onto the team.



下堂薗志穂 2nd YR.

SHIMODOUZONO SHIHO

TREASURER

She smells nice. Certified Level 1 abacus user. Many guys like her, but why did she fall for Horiguchi? He's her first love, which makes it all the more confusing.



坂本 晶 2nd YR.

SAKAMOTO AKIRA

ASSISTANT CAPTAIN

Leader of the girls' team. The red bean soup she made during winter camp was popular. Everyone is hoping she'll make it again this year.

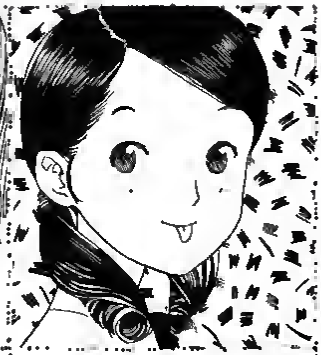


大小田照幸

OKODA TERUYUKI

COACH

Advisor for the archery team. Hirahira High curriculum department head. His teaching subject is classical Japanese. A master calligraphy writer. Hobbies include gardening and hunting.



中島美奈 1st YR.

NAKAJIMA MINA

Kawabata's best friend. She takes zither lessons with her. Her rank is master level. She performs at cultural shows and local events.



甘太郎 3 years old.

AMATARO

A dog who was abandoned by the beach in front of Kenichi's house. He mostly lives at Kenichi's house, but sometimes sleeps at Tomokazu's house, cause he grew up sea, he likes raw



宝代 香

HODAI KAORI 6th Grade

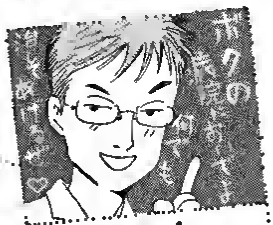
Younger sister who received all of the courage to face the truth head on that brother Takumi left behind in his mother's womb. Good at math.



富永秋緒 2nd YR.

TOMINAGA AKIO

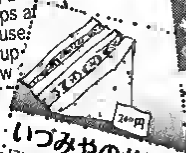
Light-hearted cute guy. Things he likes to do for fun just happen to appeal to girls. Natural born ladies' man.



古市恵太 2nd YR.

FURUICHI KEITA

Son of a doctor. He believes he will become a doctor as well, and cannot imagine a different life. His horse's name is Hinode Furuichi.



いづみやのサンド

IZUMIYA NO SANDWICHES

A popular menu item at the bakery near Hirahira High. The delicately sweet whipped cream on the fruit sandwich grabs the hearts and stomachs of the students.



神棚

KAMIDANA

SHRINE

It's always there when you turn around.

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